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ASSEMBLY, No. 1066

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 1980

By Assemblyman CODEY

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT to amend the "New Jersey State Health Benefits
Program Act," approved June 3, 1961 (P. L. 1961, c. 49).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 8 of P. L. 1961, c. 49 (C. 52:14-17.32) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 8. The basic coverage and the major medical coverage of any
4 employee, and of his dependents, if any, shall cease upon the discon-
5 tinuance of his term of office or employment or upon cessation of
6 active full-time employment subject to such regulations as may
7 be prescribed by the commission for limited continuance of basic
8 coverage and major medical coverage during disability, part-time
9 employment, leave of absence or lay off, and for continuance of
10 basic coverage and major medical coverage after retirement, any
11 such continuance after retirement to be provided at such rates and
12 under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the commission,
13 subject, however, to the requirements hereinafter set forth in this
14 section. The commission may also establish regulations prescribing
15 an extension of coverage when an employee or dependent is totally
16 disabled at termination of coverage.

17 Rates payable by retired employees for themselves and their
18 dependents, by active employees for dependents covered by medi-
19 care benefits, and by the State or other employer for an active
20 employee alone covered by medicare benefits, shall be determined
21 on the basis of utilization experienced according to classifications
22 determined by the commission, provided, however, that the total
23 rate payable by such retired employee for himself and his de-
24 pendents, or by such active employee for his dependents and the
25 State or other employer for such active employee alone, for
26 coverage hereunder and for Part B of medicare, shall not exceed

27 by more than 25%, as determined by the commission, the total
28 amount which would have been required to have been paid by him
29 and by the State or other employer for the coverage maintained
30 had he continued in office or active employment and he and his
31 dependents were not eligible for medicare benefits. "Medicare"
32 as used in this act means the coverage provided under Title XVIII
33 of the Social Security Act as amended in 1965, or its successor plan
34 or plans.

35 From funds appropriated therefor, the State shall pay the
36 premium or periodic charges for the benefits provided to a retired
37 State employee and his dependents covered under the program,
38 but not including survivors, if such employee retired from a State-
39 administered retirement system effective on or after July 1,
40 1964, on a benefit based on 25 years or more of service credited in
41 such retirement system, excepting the employee who elected de-
42 ferred retirement, but including the employee who retired on a dis-
43 ability pension based on fewer years of service credited in such
44 retirement system and shall also reimburse such retired employee
45 for his premium charges under Part B of the Federal medicare
46 program covering the retired employee and the employee's spouse.
47 *In the case of full-time employees of the Rutgers University Co-*
48 *operative Extension Service, service credited in the Federal Civil*
49 *Service Retirement System (C. 5 U. S. C. A. 8331 et seq.) which was*
50 *earned as a result of full-time employment at Rutgers University,*
51 *may be considered alone or in combination with service credited in*
52 *a State-administered retirement system for the purposes of estab-*
53 *lishing the minimum 25 year service requirement to qualify for the*
54 *benefit provided in this section. Any full-time employee of the*
55 *Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service who retired on*
56 *or after July 1, 1972 and who meets the eligibility requirements set*
57 *forth in this amendatory act shall be eligible for the benefit pro-*
58 *vided in this section, provided that at the time of retirement such*
59 *employee was covered by the State Health Benefits Program and*
60 *elected to continue such coverage into retirement.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under present law, State employees enrolled in the State Health Benefits Program are upon retirement entitled to continued coverage in that program with the State making premium payments on their behalf if they retire from a State-administered retirement system on a benefit based on 25 or more years of creditable service.

The purpose of this bill is to correct an inequity for a group of full-time employees of the Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service who upon retirement have rendered 25 or more years of service to the university but are not eligible for the above benefit because some or all of their service to the university has been credited in the Federal Civil Service Retirement System. This bill permits a full-time employee of the Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service to have New Jersey service which has been credited in the Federal Civil Service Retirement System included as eligible service for the purposes of establishing the minimum 25 years service requirement to qualify for State paid health benefit premiums upon retirement.

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Under the bill, the former full or part-time chancemen must be a policeman in the municipality in which he served as a chancemen; have contributed while a chancemen, to the police retirement system established by the municipality; and never had his contributions to the municipal retirement system either transferred to PFRS or returned to him upon his enrollment in PFRS.

The bill provides that the board of trustees of PFRS will determine the former chancemen's amount of creditable service and the municipality will be liable for the amount paid to the system to cover the member's creditable service on his account.

A-1066, also sponsored by Assemblyman Codey, which extends coverage in the State Health Benefits program to certain retired employees of the Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service who have amassed 25 years of service either to the State or to Rutgers.

Under current law, employees with 25 years of service to the State are eligible for health benefits after retirement, but the law does not provide similar coverage for employees of cooperative extension.

Cooperative Extension is jointly funded by the federal, state and local governments and the employees are enrolled in the Federal Civil Service Retirement system, not the State's. However, Cooperative Extension employees have been enrolled in the State's Health Benefits program since the 1950's but have not been eligible for continued coverage after retirement. This bill corrects that inequity.

A-1330, sponsored by Assemblyman C. Louis Bassano (R-Union) which provides a procedure in municipal court by which a spouse may be restrained from the marital residence for a period of up to three days in certain cases of spousal assault.

Under the bill, the municipal court judge is empowered to order the abusing spouse to stay away from his or her home for an initial period not to exceed 72 hours if the victimized spouse has lodged an assault complaint and if the court finds