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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(State Police Retirement system--
60% of pension with 25 years of
service)

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LAWS OF 1980

CHAPTER 55

Bill No. A1815

Sponsor(s) Jackman and others

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1815

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 9, 1980

By Assemblymen JACKMAN, T. GALLO, McMANIMON,
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SCHUCK

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend the "State Police Retirement System Act,"
approved June 9, 1965 (P. L. 1965, c. 89), and repealing section 13
thereof.

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

1 1. Section 8 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-8) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 8. a. Any member of the retirement system who was a member
4 of the former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" on
4A June 30, 1965, may retire on a service retirement allowance upon
5 the attainment of age 50 years and the completion of at least 20
6 years of creditable service as a State policeman. Upon the filing
7 of a written and duly executed application with the retirement
8 system, setting forth at what time, not less than 1 month, subse-
9 quent to the filing thereof he desires to be retired, any such member
10 retiring for service shall receive a service retirement allowance
11 which shall consist of:

12 (1) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his
13 aggregate contributions and

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is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

14 (2) A pension in the amount which, when added to the member's
15 annuity, will provide a total retirement allowance of 50% of his
16 final compensation plus 1% of his final compensation multiplied by
17 his number of years of creditable service which exceed 25 years of
18 such service.

19 Except for the Superintendent of State Police, any member of
20 the retirement system who was a member of the former "State
21 Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" on June 30, 1965, who
22 has completed at least 25 years of creditable service and who has
23 reached the age of 55 years shall be retired forthwith on the first
24 day of the next calendar month, *provided, however, any member*
25 *who has not completed 25 years of creditable service shall not be*
26 *required to retire on account of age until he has met the service*
27 *requirement.*

28 b. Except for the Superintendent of State Police, any member of
29 the retirement system who was not a member of the former "State
30 Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" on June 30, 1965 who
31 has attained the age of 55 years shall be retired forthwith on the
32 first day of the next calendar month provided, however, such
33 member, at his option, may continue in the employment of the
34 Division of State Police [upon the request of the Superintendent,
35 and with the concurrence of the Attorney General, for an addi-
36 tional year beyond the date upon which he would otherwise be
37 required to retire hereunder, and such member may thereafter in
38 each succeeding year continue in the employment of the Division of
39 State Police upon the request of the Superintendent, with the
40 concurrence of the Attorney General,] until he has [attained the
41 age of 65 years,] *completed 25 years of creditable service* where-
42 upon he shall be retired forthwith on the first day of the next
43 calendar month. Any such member, including the superintendent,
44 having attained at least the age of 55 years and retiring for
45 service hereunder shall receive a service retirement allowance
46 which shall consist of:

47 (1) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his
48 aggregate contributions and

49 (2) A pension in the amount which when added to the member's
50 annuity will provide a total retirement allowance of 2% of his final
51 compensation multiplied by his number of years of creditable ser-
52 vice up to 25 plus 1% of his final compensation multiplied by his
53 number of years of creditable service over 25.

54 c. Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member
55 who has retired on a service retirement allowance, there shall be
56 paid to the member's beneficiary, an amount equal to one-half of
57 the final compensation received by the member.

1 2. Section 12 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-12) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 12. a. Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death in active
4 service of a member of the retirement system [who was a member
5 of the former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund"] on
6 account of which no accidental death benefit is payable, there shall
7 be paid to his widow a pension of 50% of final compensation for
8 the use of herself and children of the deceased, to continue during
9 her widowhood; if there is no surviving widow or in case the widow
10 dies or remarries, 20% of final compensation will be payable to one
11 surviving child, 35% of final compensation to two surviving children
12 in equal shares and if there be three or more children, 50% of final
13 compensation will be payable to such children in equal shares.

14 *In the event of death occurring in the first year of creditable*
15 *service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection, shall be*
16 *computed at the annual rate of compensation.*

17 If there is no surviving widow or child, 25% of final compensa-
18 tion will be payable to one surviving parent or 40% of final com-
19 pensation will be payable to two surviving parents in equal shares.

20 b. If there is no surviving widow, child or parent, there shall be
21 paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased member his aggregate
22 contributions at the time of death.

23 c. In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection a. be
24 less than that provided under subsection b.

25 d. In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under subsection
26 a. or b., there shall also be paid in one sum to the member's bene-
27 ficiary, an amount equal to 3½ times final compensation.

28 e. Deleted by amendment. *P. L. 1971, c. 181.*

29 f. Deleted by amendment. *P. L. 1971, c. 181.*

1 3. Section 25 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-25) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 25. [a.] Upon the death after retirement of a member of the
4 retirement system [who was a member of the former "State Police
5 Retirement and Benevolent Fund" on the effective date of this
6 act], there shall be paid to his widow a pension of 50% of final
7 [salary] compensation for the use of herself and children of the
8 deceased, to continue during her widowhood; if there is no sur-
9 viving widow or in case the widow dies or remarries 20% of final
10 compensation will be payable to one surviving child, 35% of final
11 compensation to two surviving children in equal shares and if there
12 be three or more children, 50% of final compensation will be payable
13 to such children in equal shares.

14 b. [Upon the death after retirement of any member of the
 15 retirement system who was not a member of the former "State
 16 Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" on the effective date of
 17 this act there shall be paid to his widow a pension of 25% of final
 18 compensation for the use of herself, to continue during her widow-
 19 hood, plus 15% of final compensation payable to one surviving
 20 child or an additional 25% of final compensation to two or more chil-
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 24 equal shares and if there be three or more children 50% of final
 25 compensation will be payable to such children in equal shares.]
 26 *(Deleted by amendment.) P. L. . . . , c. . . .*

1 4. Section 27 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-27) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 27. a. Should a member resign after having established 25 years
 4 of creditable service as a full time commissioned officer, noncom-
 5 missioned officer or trooper of the Division of State Police, [before
 6 reaching age 55,] he may elect ["early"] "special" retirement,
 7 provided, that such election is communicated by such member to the
 8 retirement system by filing a written application, duly attested,
 9 stating at what time subsequent to the execution and filing thereof
 10 he desires to be retired. He shall receive, in lieu of the payment
 11 provided in section 26, a retirement allowance which shall consist of:

12 (1) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his
 13 aggregate contributions and,

14 (2) A pension in the amount, which when added to the member's
 15 annuity will provide a total retirement allowance of [2% of his final
 16 compensation multiplied by his number of years of creditable
 17 service up to 25 plus 1% of his final compensation multiplied by his
 18 number of years of creditable service over 25; provided, however,
 19 that such retirement allowance shall be reduced in accordance with
 20 a table of actuarial equivalents recommended by the actuary and
 21 adopted by the retirement system reflecting all months that the
 22 member lacks of being age 55] *60% of his final compensation, plus*
 23 *1% of his final compensation multiplied by the number of years of*
 24 *creditable service over 25 but not over 35.*

25 The board of trustees shall retire him at the time specified or at
 26 such other time within 1 month after the date so specified as the
 27 board finds advisable.

28 b. Upon the receipt of proper proof of the death of such a retired
 29 member, there shall be paid to the member's beneficiary, an amount
 30 equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the final compensation received by the member.

1 5. Section 34 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-34) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 34. The Contingent Reserve Fund shall be the fund in which shall
4 be credited contributions made by the State.

5 a. Upon the basis of such tables recommended by the actuary as
6 the board adopts and regular interest, the actuary shall compute
7 annually the amount of the contribution, expressed as a proportion
8 of the salaries paid to all members, which, if paid monthly during
9 the entire prospective service of the members, will be sufficient to
10 provide for the pension reserves required at the time of the discon-
11 tinuance of active service, to cover all pensions to which they may be
12 entitled or which are payable on their account and to provide for
13 the amount of the death and accidental disability benefits payable
14 on their account, which amount is not covered by other contributions
15 to be made as provided in this section and the funds in hand avail-
16 able for such benefits. This shall be known as the "normal
17 contribution."

18 b. Upon the basis of such tables recommended by the actuary as
19 the board adopts, and regular interest, the actuary shall compute
20 the amount of the unfunded liability as of June 30, 1971 which has
21 accrued on the basis of service rendered prior to July 1, 1971 by all
22 members, including the amount of the liability accrued by reason of
23 allowances to be granted on account of services rendered by mem-
24 bers of the former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund"
25 which has not already been covered by previous State contributions
26 to the former system, [and] including the accrued liabilities estab-
27 lished by chapter 89 of the laws of 1965 *and the additional liabilities*
28 *created by the provisions of this amendatory act.* Using the total
29 amount of this unfunded accrued liability he shall compute the
30 amount of the flat annual payment, which, if paid in each succeeding
31 fiscal year, commencing with July 1, 1972, for a period of 40 years,
32 will provide for this liability. This shall be known as the "accrued
33 liability contribution."

34 c. The actuary shall certify annually the aggregate amount pay-
35 able to the Contingent Reserve Fund in the ensuing year, which
36 amount shall be equal to the sum of the proportion of the earnable
37 salary of all members, computed as described in subsection a.
38 hereof and of the State's accrued liability contribution, payable in
39 the ensuing year, as described in subsection b. hereof. The State
40 shall pay into the Contingent Reserve Fund during the ensuing
41 year the amount so determined. In the event the amount certified
42 to be paid by the State includes amounts due for services rendered
43 by members to specific instrumentalities or authorities the total

44 amounts so certified shall be paid to the retirement system by the
 45 State; provided, however, the full cost attributable to such services
 46 rendered to such instrumentalities and authorities shall be com-
 47 puted separately by the actuary and the State shall be reimbursed
 48 for such amounts by such instrumentalities or authorities.

49 The cash death benefits, payable as the result of contribution by
 50 the State under the provisions of this act upon the death of a
 51 member in active service and after retirement shall be paid from
 52 the Contingent Reserve Fund.

1 6. Section 38 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-38) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 38. There shall be deducted from the payroll of each active mem-
 4 ber of the system ~~7%~~ 7½% of the amount of his salary, which
 5 shall be turned over to the State Treasurer and be credited by him
 6 to the account of the State Police Retirement System. The deduc-
 7 tions provided for herein shall be made notwithstanding that the
 8 minimum salary provided for by law for any member shall be re-
 9 duced thereby. Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree
 10 to the deductions made and provided for herein, and payment of
 11 salary or compensation less said deductions shall be a full and com-
 12 plete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatso-
 13 ever for the service rendered by such person during the period
 14 covered by such payment, except as to the benefits provided under
 15 this act.

1 7. Section 13 of P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-13) is repealed.

1 8. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1980, except that sections 2,
 2 3 and 4 shall take effect on January 1, 1980 and thereafter upon the
 3 filing of a proper application therefor.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the "State Police Retirement System Act" (P. L. 1965, c. 89), raising the special retirement benefit from 50 to 60% of final compensation after 25 years of service. A similar increase for members of the New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System was approved by the Legislature and enacted into law in 1979. The bill would also equalize certain benefits to State police hired before 1965 and those hired after 1965. Employee contributions will be increased by an additional ½ of 1%.

 A1815 (1980)

SENATE, No. 1342

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1980

By Senators MARESSA, DWYER, PARKER, CAFIERO,
DODD and GRAVES

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

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 26 *who has not completed 25 years of creditable service shall not be*
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 36 and with the concurrence of the Attorney General, for an additional
 37 year beyond the date upon which he would otherwise be required
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 39 succeeding year continue in the employment of the Division of
 40 State Police upon the request of the superintendent, with the con-
 41 currence of the Attorney General,] until he has [attained the age
 42 of 65 years,] *completed 25 years of creditable service* whereupon he
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24 less than that provided under subsection b.

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14 b. **[Upon the death after retirement of any member of the retire-**
15 **ment system who was not a member of the former "State Police**
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 27 such other time within 1 month after the date so specified as the
 28 board finds advisable.

29 b. Upon the receipt of proper proof of the death of such a retired
 30 member, there shall be paid to the member’s beneficiary, an amount
 31 equal to ½ of the final compensation received by the member.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JUNE 27, 1980

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHRYN FORSYTH 609-292-8956

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed a bill amending the State Police Retirement System Act to give State Troopers retirement benefits similar to those given to local policemen under the 1979 "25 and out" law.

The bill, A-1815, was sponsored by Assembly Speaker Christopher J. Jackman (D-Hudson).

Governor Byrne signed the measure at the graduation exercises of the 96th New Jersey State Police Recruitment Class at the State Police Training Center in Sea Girt. The class was the first composed entirely of women to graduate from the Academy.

The bill imposes a mandatory retirement age of 55 upon all members of the system except the Superintendent of State Police and those members who were originally hired when they were between the ages of 30 and 35. Those members would be allowed to complete the full 25 years of service.

Members are now permitted to serve between the ages of 55 and 65 with the consent of the Attorney General and the Superintendent.

The bill increases the retirement benefits from the current 50% of final salary to 60%, plus 1% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of service in excess of 25, but the final retirement benefits can not total more than 70% of the member's final salary.

Under the measure, the benefits of a surviving spouse will be 50% of the member's final compensation, and the benefits for those members who retired before and after 1965, when the current system came into effect, will be equalized. Widows of members who retired before 1965 currently receive 50% of the final compensation, while widows of members who retired after 1965 currently receive 25%.