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SENATE, No. 1276

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 17, 1974

By Senators McDONOUGH, HAGEDORN, VREELAND, CAFIERO,
DUNN, MENZA and SKEVIN

Referred to Committee on State Government and Federal and
Interstate Relations

AN ACT to amend the Public Employees' Retirement System Act,"
approved June 28, 1954 (P. L. 1954, c. 84), as said short title
was amended by P. L. 1971, c. 213.

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

1 1. Section 7 of P. L. 1954, c. 84 (C. 43:15A-7) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 7. There is hereby established the Public Employees' Retirement
4 System of New Jersey in the Division of Pensions of the Depart-
5 ment of the Treasury. The membership of the retirement system
6 shall include:

7 a. The members of the former "State Employees' Retirement
8 System of New Jersey" enrolled as such as of December 30, 1954
9 who shall not have claimed for refund their accumulated deductions
10 in said system as provided in this section;

11 b. Any person becoming an employee of the State or other em-
12 ployer after January 2, 1955 and every veteran, other than those
13 whose appointments are temporary or seasonal, becoming an
14 employee of the State or other employer after such date; and

15 c. Every employee veteran in the employ of the State or other
16 employer on January 2, 1955 who is not a member of any retire-
17 ment system supported wholly or partly by the State.

18 d. Membership in the retirement system shall be optional for
19 elected officials other than veterans, *and for school crossing guards,*
20 *who having become eligible for benefits under other pension systems*
21 *are so employed on a part-time basis.* State employees who become
22 members of any other retirement system supported wholly or partly
23 by the State as a condition of employment shall not be eligible to

24 membership in this retirement system. Notwithstanding any other
25 law to the contrary all other persons accepting employment in the
26 service of the State shall be required to enroll in the retirement
27 system as a condition of their employment, regardless of age. No
28 person in employment, office or position, for which the annual salary
29 or remuneration is fixed at less than \$500.00, shall be eligible to
30 become a member of the retirement system.

31 e. Membership of any person in the retirement system shall cease
32 if he shall discontinue his service for more than 2 consecutive years.

33 f. The accumulated deductions of the members of the former
34 "State Employees' Retirement System" which have been set aside
35 in a trust fund designated as Fund A as provided in section 5 of
36 this act and which have not been claimed for refund prior to
37 February 1, 1955 shall be transferred from said Fund A to the
38 Annuity Savings Fund of the Retirement System, provided for in
39 section 25 of this act. Each member whose accumulated deductions
40 are so transferred shall receive the same prior service credit,
41 pension credit, and membership credit in the retirement system as
42 he previously had in the former "State Employees' Retirement
43 System" and shall have such accumulated deductions credited to
44 his individual account in the Annuity Savings Fund. Any outstand-
45 ing obligation of such member shall be continued.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Many school crossing guards are elderly people who seek this employment because it is part-time employment and provides them with a supplement to the pension benefits they receive under Social Security and other pension programs. Presently, these people are required to have deducted from their pay, payments to the Public Employees' Retirement System.

Many communities rely on the willingness of senior citizens to perform this work, but find that mandatory participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System discourages these older people from accepting such work.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1276

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 1975

It is the purpose of this bill to make membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System optional for school crossing guards who are employed on a part-time basis.

Many communities rely on senior citizens to perform this work, but find senior citizens reluctant to accept this employment because of the mandatory participation in the pension system. Making membership optional will serve to make this kind of employment attractive to senior citizens.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1276

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 28, 1975

Under the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1276, those part-time school crossing guards who are presently required to join the Public Employees' Retirement System may choose not to join that system if they are eligible for benefits under other pension systems.