



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 219

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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. PRAGUE of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR JUDICIAL MARSHALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Any member of the state employees
2 retirement system who is serving as a judicial marshal on the effective
3 date of this section and who served as a special deputy sheriff on or
4 after July 1, 1990, may elect to purchase retirement credit for such prior
5 special deputy sheriff service rendered on or after July 1, 1990,
6 provided such member provides written notification of such election
7 to the State Employees Retirement Commission on or before October 1,
8 2006, and makes retirement contributions for such prior service in an
9 amount equal to the contributions that would have been required to be
10 made by the member in accordance with the terms of the retirement
11 plan to which the member belongs on or after the effective date of this
12 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	State Employees Retirement Fund - Cost	Significant	Significant

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows judicial marshals to purchase retirement credit in the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) for any special deputy sheriff service on or after 1990. The retirement contribution required under the bill does not cover the full actuarial cost associated with the additional credited service. The SERS actuary initially calculated the state impact of the bill as follows: \$9.25 million increase in the SERS unfunded liability and a \$531,000 annual increase in the state’s SERS contribution. However, the recent Memorandum of Understanding between the state and judicial marshals extends hazardous duty status to judicial marshals. This change in status liberalizes the retirement benefits of the judicial marshals and necessitates a re-estimation by the SERS actuary.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 219*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR JUDICIAL MARSHALS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a judicial marshal to purchase retirement credit in the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) for any special deputy sheriff service on or after July 1, 1990 if he meets three criteria. He must (1) be in state service as a marshal on the effective date of this bill, (2) provide written notification of his purchase intention by October 1, 2006 to the State Employees Retirement Commission, and (3) make retirement contributions for his prior service equal to the contributions that would have been required by the retirement plan (Tier IIA) he belongs to on or after the bill's effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Judicial Marshals***

In 2000, special deputy sheriffs, who provided courtroom security and inmate transportation, became judicial marshals and members of SERS.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 3 (03/16/2006)