AN ACT REQUIRING PENSIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2023) Each municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, shall provide each individual such municipality employs as a police officer or firefighter with pension benefits, either through participation in (1) the Municipal Employees Retirement System, pursuant to section 7-427 of the general statutes, or (2) any other system that provides such individuals with benefits that are comparable or superior to those benefits offered by the Municipal Employees Retirement System.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2023 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:
To require that municipalities employing police officers and firefighters provide such officers and firefighters with pensions through the
Municipal Employees Retirement System or another system that offers comparable or superior benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]