

CHAPTER 97

AN ACT establishing eligibility for enrollment in PERS and subsequent retirement benefits for certain county fire instructors under certain conditions, and supplementing P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-1 et seq.).

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

C.43:15A-7.6 Civil service credit, PERS-enrolled fire instructor, conditions.

1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a fire instructor enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System prior to November 1, 2008, and employed by a county on the effective date of this act, P.L.2024, c.97 (C.43:15A-7.6), who had continuous membership in the retirement system, who performed service in the county as a fire instructor in each calendar year of membership, who received a salary for that position greater than \$1,500 annually, and who was a permanent career service employee in the civil service, shall be granted service credit for that period of enrollment and considered eligible for membership and for benefits as a member of the retirement system.

b. Any person who was enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System prior to November 1, 2008 for service in a county as a fire instructor and was notified within five years prior to the effective date of this act, P.L.2024, c.97 (C.43:15A-7.6), that such service as a fire instructor was determined ineligible for enrollment in the retirement system shall be granted service credit for that period of enrollment determined ineligible for membership in the retirement system, provided the person repays any contributions and interest that were returned when it was determined that the person was ineligible for membership in the retirement system.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 12, 2024.