

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 5053

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

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SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Permits retired municipal code officials to return to part-time employment after bona fide severance period without reenrollment in PERS.
- Type of Impact:** Potential annual local expenditure reduction.
- Agencies Affected:** Certain local government units.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Local Expenditure Decrease	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) anticipates that permitting retired municipal code officials to return to part-time employment without reenrollment in the Public Employees’ Retirement System under certain conditions, and within three years after the effective date of the bill, will result in indeterminate expenditure decreases for the affected local employer or employers, provided that the qualified status of the retirement system can be maintained upon the bill’s application.
- Such decreases will result from the returning official not incurring additional service credit upon reemployment.
- As the OLS does not know the number of retired officials who will return to employment under the bill’s provisions, nor the salary of such officials or the workload or staffing needs of the respective employer, the reduction in costs is indeterminate.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill permits retired municipal code officials to return to part-time employment without reenrollment in the Public Employees’ Retirement System.

Under the bill, a former member of the Public Employees' Retirement System who served as a municipal code official and who has been granted a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, may return to employment as a municipal code official with one or more employers within three years after the effective date of the bill, and will be eligible to continue employment, without cancelation of the retirement and reenrollment in the system, if: (1) the return commences more than 30 days after the member receives written notification that the retirement is approved by the board, or more than 30 days after the date of retirement, whichever is later, if the employment is with a different employer, or 90 days after the date of retirement if the employment is with the same employer; (2) the former member had attained the service retirement age applicable to that member as of the date of retirement; and (3) the former member is re-employed as a part-time employee and works no more than 20 hours per week per employer.

The bill requires the former member's retirement to have been a bona fide retirement and prohibits any return to employment to be prearranged before retirement.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).