

SENATE, No. 491

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes compensation program for State and juvenile corrections officers and parole officers injured while performing official duties.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning certain injured corrections and parole officers
2 and supplementing Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. Any State corrections officer, juvenile corrections officer, or
8 juvenile detention officer who, in the course of performing his
9 official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of a riot or assault
10 by the inmates or detainees under his custody or charge shall
11 continue to receive full wages until the officer begins receiving
12 compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

13 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et
14 seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments
15 from his employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the
16 compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net
17 wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The
18 supplemental payment authorized under this paragraph shall
19 continue so long as the injured officer remains a State corrections
20 officer, juvenile corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer
21 and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

22 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
23 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
24 negated nor impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
25 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplement payments
26 pursuant to this section.

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28 2. Any parole officer who, while in the course of performing
29 his official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of an assault by
30 an adult or juvenile parolee under his supervision shall continue to
31 receive full wages until the parole officer begins receiving
32 compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

33 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et
34 seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments
35 from his employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the
36 compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net
37 wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The
38 supplemental payment authorized under this paragraph shall
39 continue so long as the injured officer remains a parole officer and
40 continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

41 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
42 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
43 negated nor impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
44 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplement payments
45 pursuant to this section.

1 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
2 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill establishes a compensation program for State
8 corrections officers, juvenile corrections officers, and juvenile
9 detention officers who suffer bodily injury as the result of a riot or
10 assault by the inmates or detainees under their custody and care.
11 The bill also establishes a compensation program for parole officers
12 who suffer bodily injury as the result of an assault committed by an
13 adult or juvenile parolee under their supervision.

14 Under the provisions of the bill, an injured officer would be
15 entitled to his or her salary until their workmen's compensation
16 payments begin. Once their workmen's compensation payments
17 begin, the injured officers would be entitled to regular supplemental
18 payments from their employer. The amount of these payments
19 would be sufficient, when added to the injured officer's workmen's
20 compensation, to equal his or her net wages at the time of the
21 injury.

22 These supplemental payments are to continue as long as the
23 officer remains a State corrections officer, juvenile corrections
24 officer, juvenile detention officer, or parole officer and continues to
25 receive workmen's compensation for the injury.

26 Finally, the bill specifies that these supplemental payments are
27 not to negate or impair any fringe benefits afforded an injured
28 officer under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement,
29 contract, or statute and that these fringe benefits are to remain in
30 full force and effect during the time that officer is receiving the
31 supplemental payments authorized under the bill.