

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5316

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 5, 2018

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5316 (1R).

As amended, this bill provides that any member of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS), who is required to retire at the mandatory age of 55 and who has more than 20 but less than 25 years of service credit in the retirement system, will receive health benefits coverage through the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) for the member and the member's dependents that is paid in full by the State.

The bill will apply retroactively to each eligible retiree of the SPRS who had more than 20 years of service on the date of mandatory retirement, which occurred within 24 months prior to the effective date of this bill. Retirees who made contributions for the cost of health care benefits coverage within 24 months before the bill's effective date will have those contributions reimbursed by the SHBP.

These amendments make this bill identical to Senate No. 3614 (2R).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments provide that any member of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS), who is required to retire at the mandatory age of 55 and who has more than 20 but less than 25 years of service credit in the retirement system, will receive health benefits coverage through the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) for the member and the member's dependents that is paid in full by the State.