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SYNOPSIS

Extends from six to 12 months compensation program for injured law enforcement officers and other employees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning injured law enforcement officers and certain
2 other employees and amending P.L.2017, c.93.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. Any State **【corrections】** correctional police officer, juvenile
10 corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer who, in the course
11 of performing the officer's official duties, suffers serious bodily
12 injury as the direct result of an assault by the inmates or detainees
13 under the officer's custody or charge shall continue to receive full
14 wages for up to **【six】** 12 months or until the officer begins
15 receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.,
16 whichever comes first.

17 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et
18 seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments
19 from the officer's employer in an amount that is sufficient, when
20 added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to
21 equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury.
22 The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall
23 continue for up to **【six】** 12 months so long as the injured officer
24 remains a State **【corrections】** correctional police officer, juvenile
25 corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer and continues to be
26 compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

27 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
28 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
29 negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
30 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental
31 payments pursuant to this section.

32 (cf: P.L.2017, c.93, s.1)

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34 2. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.2) is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 2. Any parole officer who, while in the course of performing
37 the officer's official duties, suffers serious bodily injury as the
38 direct result of an assault by an adult or juvenile parolee under the
39 officer's supervision shall continue to receive full wages for up to
40 **【six】** 12 months or until the parole officer begins receiving
41 compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., whichever
42 comes first.

43 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-
44 1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental
45 payments from the officer's employer in an amount that is

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 sufficient, when added to the compensation received under
2 R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at
3 the time of the injury. The supplemental payments authorized
4 under this section shall continue for up to **【six】 12** months so long
5 as the injured officer remains a parole officer and continues to be
6 compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

7 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
8 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
9 negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
10 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental
11 payments pursuant to this section.

12 (cf: P.L.2017, c.93, s.2)

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14 3. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.3) is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 3. Any State Human Services police officer, State conservation
17 officer, State park police officer, Palisades Interstate Park officer
18 appointed pursuant to R.S.32:14-21, or full-time campus police
19 officer appointed by a county college or four-year public institution
20 of higher education pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et
21 seq.) who, while in the course of performing the officer's official
22 duties, suffers serious bodily injury as the direct result of an assault
23 during the arrest or transportation of a suspect or other person in the
24 officer's custody shall continue to receive full wages for up to **【six】**
25 **12** months or until the officer begins receiving compensation for
26 that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., whichever comes first.

27 Any senior, recruit, or assistant supervising medical security
28 officer working under the authority of the Department of Human
29 Services who, in the course of performing the officer's official
30 duties, suffers serious bodily injury as the direct result of an assault
31 by a patient or resident who requires medical security shall continue
32 to receive full wages for up to **【six】 12** months or until the officer
33 begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-
34 1 et seq., whichever comes first.

35 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-
36 1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental
37 payments from the officer's employer in an amount that is
38 sufficient, when added to the compensation received under
39 R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at
40 the time of the injury. The supplemental payments authorized under
41 this section shall continue for up to **【six】 12** months so long as the
42 injured officer remains a State Human Services police officer, State
43 conservation officer, State park police officer, Palisades Interstate
44 Park officer, campus police officer, or medical security officer and
45 continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

46 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
47 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
48 negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and

1 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental
2 payments pursuant to this section.

3 (cf: P.L.2017, c.93, s.3)

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5 4. Section 4 of P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.4) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 4. Any civilian employee who directly works with or teaches
8 inmates or detainees in a State correctional facility, juvenile
9 correctional facility, or juvenile detention center who, in the course
10 of performing the employee's official duties, suffers serious bodily
11 injury as the direct result of an assault by the inmates or detainees
12 with whom the employee works or teaches shall continue to receive
13 full wages for up to **【six】** 12 months or until the employee begins
14 receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.,
15 whichever comes first.

16 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-
17 1 et seq., the injured employee shall receive regular supplemental
18 payments from the employer in an amount that is sufficient, when
19 added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to
20 equal the net wage of the injured employee at the time of the injury.
21 The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall
22 continue for up to **【six】** 12 months so long as the injured employee
23 remains employed by the State correctional facility, juvenile
24 correctional facility, or juvenile detention center and continues to
25 be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

26 The fringe benefits afforded an injured employee under the terms
27 of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not
28 be negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
29 effect during the time that employee is receiving supplemental
30 payments pursuant to this section.

31 (cf: P.L.2017, c.93, s.4)

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33 5. Section 5 of P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.5) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 5. Any probation officer who, while in the course of
36 performing the officer's official duties, suffers serious bodily injury
37 as the direct result of an assault by a person placed on probation
38 who is under the officer's supervision shall continue to receive full
39 wages for up to **【six】** 12 months or until the probation officer
40 begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et
41 seq., whichever comes first.

42 In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et
43 seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments
44 from the officer's employer in an amount that is sufficient, when
45 added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to
46 equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury.
47 The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall
48 continue for up to **【six】** 12 months so long as the injured officer

1 remains a probation officer and continues to be compensated under
2 R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

3 The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of
4 a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be
5 negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and
6 effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental
7 payments pursuant to this section.

8 (cf: P.L.2017, c.93, s.5)

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10 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 This bill extends from six to 12 months a compensation program
16 for certain law enforcement officers and certain civilian employees
17 who suffer serious bodily injury as direct result of an assault by the
18 inmates, detainees, or certain other individuals under their custody,
19 care, or supervision.

20 P.L.2017, c.93 (C.34:15-37.1 et seq.) established a compensation
21 program for State correctional police officers, juvenile corrections
22 officers, juvenile detention officers, probation officers, State
23 Human Services police officers, State conservation officers, State
24 park police officers, Palisades Interstate Park officers, full-time
25 campus police officers, certain medical security officers, certain
26 civilian employees, and parole officers who suffer serious bodily
27 injury as the result of an assault by the inmates, detainees, or certain
28 other individuals under their custody, care, or supervision.

29 Under the program, injured officers and employees are entitled to
30 their full salary from their employer for up to six months or until
31 the start of their workers' compensation payments, whichever
32 occurs first. Once their workers' compensation payments begin, the
33 injured officers and employees are entitled to regular supplemental
34 payments from their employer for up to six months.

35 Under the bill, injured officers and employees would be entitled
36 to their full salary from their employer for up to 12 months or until
37 workers' compensation payments begin. An injured officer or
38 employee would then receive supplemental payments for 12
39 months.