

SENATE, No. 4105

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes eligibility for PERS enrollment and retirement benefits for certain county fire instructors under certain conditions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

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9 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
10 contrary, a fire instructor enrolled in the Public Employees'
11 Retirement System prior to November 1, 2008, and employed by a
12 county on the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (C)
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), who had continuous
14 membership in the retirement system, who performed service in the
15 county as a fire instructor in each calendar year of membership,
16 who received a salary for that position greater than \$1,500 annually,
17 and who was a permanent career service employee in the civil
18 service, shall be granted service credit for that period of enrollment
19 and considered eligible for membership and for benefits as a
20 member of the retirement system.

21 b. Any person whose membership in the retirement system was
22 terminated within two years prior to the effective date of this act,
23 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), and
24 who otherwise qualifies for membership under subsection a. of this
25 section but for the termination shall be reenrolled in the retirement
26 system provided the person repays any contributions and interest
27 that were returned when membership was terminated.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill establishes eligibility in the Public Employees'
35 Retirement System (PERS) for county fire instructors employed and
36 enrolled before November 1, 2008, who performed service as a
37 county fire instructor in each calendar year of membership, who
38 received a salary greater than \$1,500 annually, and who were
39 permanent career service employees in the civil service.

40 The bill provides for any person who had membership in the
41 retirement system terminated within two years prior to enactment
42 may be reenrolled as long as they repay any returned contributions
43 and interest.

44 This bill would address the situation of county fire instructors
45 who were enrolled in PERS, but subsequently were deemed not
46 eligible for membership due to the irregular and limited work
47 schedule of the position.