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SENATE BILL NO. 1233

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adding conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation into the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.*

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 51.1-212. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Employee" means any (i) member of the Capitol Police Force as described in § 30-34.2:1, (ii) campus police officer appointed under the provisions of Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, (iii) conservation police officer in the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries appointed under the provisions of Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, (iv) special agent of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et seq.), (v) law-enforcement officer employed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission as described in § 9.1-101, (vi) correctional officer as the term is defined in § 53.1-1, and including correctional officers employed at a juvenile correction facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3, (vii) ~~any~~ parole officer appointed pursuant to § 53.1-143, and (viii) ~~any~~ commercial vehicle enforcement officer employed by the Department of State Police. *The term shall also include any other full-time sworn state employee who (a) is a law-enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101, (b) is authorized to arrest without warrant pursuant to § 19.2-81, (c) is employed by a state agency that has lawfully used force to effect an arrest during a period of five consecutive years, and (d) is employed by a state agency that is accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission or the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.*

"Member" means any person included in the membership of the Retirement System as provided in this chapter.

"Normal retirement date" means a member's sixtieth birthday.

"Retirement System" means the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

2. That the present value of benefits accrued on behalf of members of the Virginia Retirement System (§ 51.1-124.1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) who become members of the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (§ 51.1-211 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) by virtue of this act shall be transferred from the assets of the Virginia Retirement System to the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

3. That any person who becomes a member of the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (§ 51.1-211 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be eligible only for those retirement benefits under such system that are provided to employees who commence employment or reemployment on or after July 1, 2001.

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