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SENATE BILL NO. 790

Senate Amendments in [] - February 4, 2020

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

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Deeds

Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

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 Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1, (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 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, (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.

"Employee" includes any conservation officer of the Department of Conservation and Recreation commissioned pursuant to § 10.1-115, provided that such conservation officer shall accrue the applicable retirement benefits under this chapter only for creditable service under this chapter on or after July 1, 2020. In addition, such conservation officer shall not be eligible to retire under this chapter unless he has five or more years of creditable service (a) as a member of the retirement system established under this chapter, (b) as a member of the retirement system established under Chapter 2 (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), or (c) while earning the benefits permitted by § 51.1-138.

"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 provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2020 by the General Assembly that becomes law.]

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