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 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2097** 

Offered January 13, 2021 Prefiled January 12, 2021

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; Department of Corrections Special Investigations Unit.

Patron—O'Quinn

Referred to Committee on 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 Wildlife Resources 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, and (ix) employee with internal investigations authority designated by the Department of Corrections pursuant to subdivision 11 of § 53.1-10. For an employee listed in clause (ix), such employee 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.