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AND DALEY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 12, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for  
3 pension service credit for prior service with police  
4 department.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Chapter 91 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER C

10 POLICE PENSION PLANS

11 Sec.

12 9121. Definitions.

13 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police  
14 department.

15 9123. Computation of amount due.

16 9124. Ineligibility.

17 9125. Applicability to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement

1           System.

2   § 9121. Definitions.

3       The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6       "City." The term does not include a city of the first class.

7       "Police department." As defined under section 2162 (relating  
8 to definitions).

9       "Police officer." As defined under section 2162.

10 § 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police  
11 department.

12       A city, borough, town, township or regional police department  
13 shall amend its ordinance or resolution establishing a police  
14 pension fund to provide full-time police officers who have  
15 satisfied vesting requirements the option to purchase up to five  
16 years of pension service credit for prior part-time or full-time  
17 police service provided in a police department.

18 § 9123. Computation of amount due.

19       The amount due for the purchase of credit for prior police  
20 service shall be computed by:

21           (1) multiplying the normal cost rate for the police  
22 pension plan a police officer is buying into, but not to  
23 exceed 10%, by the police officer's average annual rate of  
24 compensation over the first three years of service with the  
25 police department; and

26           (2) multiplying the product from paragraph (1) by the  
27 number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable  
28 prior police service being purchased together with interest  
29 at the rate of 4.75% compounded annually from the date of  
30 initial entry into full-time service with the police

1 department to the date of payment.

2 § 9124. Ineligibility.

3 The following apply:

4 (1) A police officer shall not be eligible to purchase  
5 service credit for prior police service for which the officer  
6 otherwise receives or is entitled to receive pension service  
7 credit from any other pension fund.

8 (2) A police officer shall not be eligible to purchase  
9 service credit for prior police service that combined with  
10 credited military service exceeds five years.

11 § 9125. Applicability to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement  
12 System.

13 Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted to impact the  
14 portability and transfer of service credits between system-  
15 administered pension plans within the Pennsylvania Municipal  
16 Retirement System.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.