

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4816**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires compensatory time off for correctional police officers and parole officers for work during state of emergency.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/4/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning correctional police officers and parole officers  
2 and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. A correctional police officer or a parole officer shall be  
8 provided with compensatory time off, in addition to any regular  
9 compensation, at the rate of one hour for every hour worked during  
10 a declared state of emergency, pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251  
11 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), for a maximum of 400 hours of  
12 compensatory time off annually for any individual officer.

13 b. For purposes of this section:

14 “Correctional police officer” means a person assigned by the  
15 New Jersey Department of Corrections as an adult correctional  
16 police officer or a person assigned by the Juvenile Justice  
17 Commission as a juvenile correctional police officer or a juvenile  
18 detention officer.

19 “Parole officer” means a person assigned by the Chairman of the  
20 State Parole Board or the chairman's designee and, with respect to a  
21 juvenile inmate, a person assigned by the Juvenile Justice  
22 Commission.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires compensatory time off for correctional police  
30 officers and parole officers required to work during a declared state  
31 of emergency.

32 Under the bill, correctional police officers and parole officers are  
33 to be provided with compensatory time off, in addition to any  
34 regular compensation, at the rate of one hour for every hour worked  
35 during a declared state of emergency. Each officer is entitled to a  
36 maximum of 400 hours of compensatory time off annually.

37 The bill defines “correctional police officer” to mean a person  
38 assigned by the New Jersey Department of Corrections as an adult  
39 correctional police officer or a person assigned by the Juvenile  
40 Justice Commission as a juvenile correctional police officer or a  
41 juvenile detention officer. In addition, the bill defines “parole  
42 officer” to mean a person assigned as a parole officer by the  
43 Chairman of the State Parole Board or the chairman's designee and,  
44 with respect to a juvenile inmate, a person assigned by the Juvenile  
45 Justice Commission.

46 It is the sponsor’s belief that correctional police officers and  
47 parole officers are an integral part of the criminal justice system,  
48 ensuring the safety and welfare of inmates and the public. The

1 sponsor notes that during the COVID-19 pandemic, correctional  
2 police officers and parole officers continued to provide this  
3 essential service to the State, despite personal risks stemming from  
4 in-person interaction with inmates, parolees, and the general public.  
5 Accordingly, the sponsor believes it is appropriate to provide the  
6 additional benefit of compensatory time off for correctional police  
7 officers and parole officers who are required to work during a  
8 declared state of emergency.