

ASSEMBLY, No. 1227

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen AUGUSTINE and BAGGER

1 AN ACT concerning the health care benefits in retirement of certain
2 county college employees and amending P.L.1992, c.126.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.1992, c.126 (C.52:14-17.32f1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1987, c.384 (C.52:14-17.32f)
10 shall apply to:

11 a. any employee of a board of education who retires on a benefit
12 based upon 25 or more years of service credit in the Public Employees'
13 Retirement System (P.L.1954, c.84; C.43:15A-1 et seq.), or retires on
14 a disability pension based upon fewer years of service credit in that
15 system, or elected deferred retirement based upon 25 or more years of
16 service credit and receives a retirement allowance from that system;
17 [and]

18 b. any employee of a county college who retires on a benefit based
19 upon 25 or more years of service credit in the Public Employees'
20 Retirement System (P.L.1954, c.84; C.43:15A-1 et seq.), or retires on
21 a disability pension based upon fewer years of service credit in that
22 system, or elected deferred retirement based upon 25 or more years of
23 service credit and receives a retirement allowance from that system; or
24 who retires on a benefit based upon 25 or more years of service credit
25 in the alternate benefit program (P.L.1969, c.242; C.18A:66-167 et
26 seq.), or who receives a disability benefit pursuant to section 18 of
27 P.L.1969, c.242 (C.18A:66-184); and

28 c. any employee of a county college who retires on a benefit based
29 upon 10 or more years of service credit in the alternate benefit
30 program (P.L.1969, c.242; C.18A:64-167 et seq.) and who has
31 additional years of service credited in another defined contribution
32 retirement program as an employee of a private institution of higher

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 education which, under contract with a county government, provided
2 services as a county college and subsequently merged with a county
3 technical institute to become a county college, which additional years
4 of service when added to the service credited in the alternate benefit
5 program totals 25 or more years, except that the costs of the premium
6 or periodic charges for the benefits and reimbursement of medicare
7 premiums provided to a retiree and the dependents of the retiree under
8 this section shall be paid by the State.

9 [An employee who retired prior to the effective date of this act is
10 eligible for the coverage if the employee applies to the program for it
11 within one year after the effective date.]

12 (cf: P.L.1992, c.126, s.2)

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 STATEMENT

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19 This bill adds to the list of those retirees eligible for State-paid
20 health care benefits in the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) any
21 employee of a county college who (1) retires on a benefit based upon
22 10 or more years of service credit in the alternate benefit program
23 (ABP) and (2) has additional years of service credited in another
24 defined contribution retirement program as an employee of a private
25 institution of higher education which, under contract with a county
26 government, provided services as a county college and subsequently
27 merged with a county technical institute to become a county college,
28 which additional years of service when added to the service credited
29 in ABP totals 25 or more years.

30 Currently, any employee of a county college who retires on a
31 benefit based upon 25 or more years of service credit in ABP or the
32 Public Employees' Retirement System is eligible for paid SHBP health
33 benefits in retirement. The cost of providing the benefit is assumed by
34 the State.

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39 Credits certain private college service toward paid health care benefits
40 for certain county college retirees.