

ASSEMBLY, No. 1452

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman AZZOLINA

1 AN ACT concerning paid health benefits for certain county college
2 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;
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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 the Police
21 and Firemen's Retirement System (P.L.1944, c.255; C.43:16A-1 et
22 seq.), or retires on a disability pension based upon fewer years of
23 service credit in [that] either system, or elected deferred retirement
24 based upon 25 or more years of service credit and receives a
25 retirement allowance from [that] either system; or who retires on a
26 benefit based upon 25 or more years of service credit in the alternate
27 benefit program (P.L.1969, c.242; C.18A:66-167 et seq.), or who
28 receives a disability benefit pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1969, c.242
29 (C.18A:66-184), except that the costs of the premium or periodic
30 charges for the benefits and reimbursement of medicare premiums
31 provided to a retiree and the dependents of the retiree under this
32 section shall be paid by the State.

33 [An employee who retired prior to the effective date of this act is
34 eligible for the coverage if the employee applies to the program for it

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 within one year after the effective date.]

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

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4 2. (New section) Any employee who retired prior to the effective
5 date of this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the
6 Legislature as this bill), shall be eligible for coverage if the employee
7 applies to the program for such coverage within one year after the
8 effective date of this act.

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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 Under the provisions of P.L.1992, c.126, paid health benefits were
16 extended to county college employees who retired under the Public
17 Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the alternate benefit
18 program. To qualify, a retirant must have 25 or more years of service
19 credit or retire on a disability pension based on fewer years of service
20 credit. This bill provides the same benefit to an employee of a county
21 college who retires under the Police and Firemen's Retirement System
22 (PFRS). Some county college campus police officers were enrolled in
23 PERS but subsequently were transferred to PFRS. As with the other
24 county college retirants, the cost of the health benefits will be paid by
25 the State. Eligible former employees who have already retired may
26 apply within one year after the effective date of this act for the benefit.

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31 Provides paid health benefits to certain county college employees in
32 PFRS.