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Dear Senator Flanagan:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate Civil Service and Pensions Committee for the 2015 Legislative Session. One of the most significant Committee achievements in 2015 was the enactment of retirement parity for SUNY police officers. Senator Robach's legislation, S.3221, was signed into law as Chapter 561 of the Laws of 2015 by Governor Cuomo on December 18, 2015.

Other significant legislation that was enacted during the 2015 Legislative Session includes Senator Golden's legislation, S.4932, which extends the remedy of injunctive relief in improper practice cases for two years. This legislation was signed into law as Chapter 47 of the Laws of 2015 by Governor Cuomo on June 30, 2015.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Civil Service and Pensions Committee, as well as the Senate Majority coalition, for their efforts and support of the important work that was done this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin J. Golden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.
Martin J. Golden

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Civil Service and Pensions has legislative oversight responsibilities for initiatives concerning public employees and retired public employees. These initiatives range from legislation concerning employee benefits to amendments to the Retirement and Social Security Law.

During the 2015 Legislative session, 162 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. The Committee met on 6 occasions considering 42 bills. Detailed legislative histories of each bill referred to the Committee are available through the Civil Service and Pensions Committee link on the Senate's website (<https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/civil-service-and-pensions>) , as well as from the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. Additionally, a list of all of the bills referred to the Committee, along with the bill's final disposition is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Civil Service and Pensions Committee bills enacted in 2015 include the following key legislation:

Extending the Expiration of the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act

The September 11th Workers Protection Task Force, which was created by the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act, has been very successful in identifying additional issues that have arisen from the rescue, recovery and clean-up of the former World Trade Center site but there are still issues to be addressed therefore it is necessary to extend the Task Force for an additional five years. On June 30th, Senator Golden's legislation, S. 4711, which became Chapter 45 of the Laws of 2015 extended the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act until June 10, 2020.

Injunctive Relief in Improper Practice Cases

Chapter 695 of the Laws of 1994 gave public sector employees the expedited remedy of injunctive relief when either their employer or an employee organization union engaged in an improper practice that caused or will immediately cause a petitioner public sector employee to suffer an irreparable injury, loss, or damage. Injunctive relief will be granted where there immediate and irreparable harm will occur during the pendency of the petition unless such relief is granted. Since Chapter 965 took effect in 1995, labor and management have been able to resolve numerous issues expeditiously. This expedited remedy was set to sunset on June 30, 2015. On June 30th, Senator Golden's legislation, S. 4932, became Chapter 47 of the Laws of 2015. This Chapter extends the expedited remedy of injunctive relief until June 30, 2017.

Retirement Parity for SUNY Police Officers

Senator Robach's legislation, S.3221, which became Chapter 561 of the Laws of 2015, creates retirement parity for SUNY Police Officers by allowing them to join and transfer to the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System ("PFRS") from the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS"). There are many similarities between SUNY Police Officers and Police Officers who are members of PFRS, including training, hiring criteria, and the duty to protect the public. While

protecting the public, many SUNY Police Officers find themselves in dangerous situations that are similar to those encountered by PFRS Police Officers.

As ERS members, SUNY Police Officers are required to serve until age 63 before being eligible to retire without a diminution in their benefits. PFRS Police Officers, on the other hand, are eligible to participate in either a 20-year and 25-year retirement plan offered by their employer through PFRS. Chapter 561 recognizes that SUNY Police Officers should have the same retirement options as PFRS Police Officers. Thus, this Chapter affords SUNY Police Officers the opportunity to transfer to PFRS and elect to participate in either a 20 or 25-year retirement plan offered through PFRS.

NEW LAWS AND VETOES

In 2015, 162 bills were referred to the Committee. Of the bills considered by and reported from the Committee, 33 passed both houses of the Legislature. Of those 33 bills, the Governor signed 26 bills and vetoed 7 bills. Collectively, these 33 bills amended the Civil Service Law, the Retirement and Social Security Law, and the Unconsolidated Laws.

Civil Service Law

S.3524 sponsored by Senator Golden **Veto 204**
Relates to employees classified as the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Superior Officers Benevolent Association of an MTA-employer and the resolution of disputes in the course of collective negotiations.

S.4932 sponsored by Senator Golden **Chapter 47**
Relates to injunctive relief in improper practice cases, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions contained therein.

S.5796 sponsored by Senator Savino **Veto 219**
Grants employees in labor class positions rights with regards to the suspension or demotion upon abolition or reduction of certain positions.

Retirement and Social Security Law

S.3010 sponsored by Senator Young **Veto 292**
Relates to benefits for participating employers in the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

S.3221 sponsored by Senator Robach **Chapter 561**
Relates to university police officers appointed by the State University of New York.

S.3907 sponsored by Senator LaValle **Chapter 476**
Increases the mandatory retirement age from fifty-five to sixty for police officers in the Town of Southampton.

S.3947 sponsored by Senator Golden **Veto 206**
Provides that uniformed court officers and peace officers employed in the unified court system shall be entitled to accidental disability retirement if they sustain injuries as the result of a physical assault by an assailant suffered while in service.

S.3948-B sponsored by Senator Golden **Chapter 542**
Redefines the term "member" for special retirement plans for sheriffs, undersheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Nassau and Suffolk counties to include a deputy sheriff who is a qualified police officer.

S.4141-B sponsored by Senator Golden **Chapter 378**
Provides beneficiaries with the same allocation of retirement benefits if the member has the service retirement application, disability retirement applications or option election forms postmarked prior to his or her death.

S.5632-A sponsored by Senator Golden **Chapter 508**
Relates to the SUNY optional retirement program.

S.5692 sponsored by Senator Savino **Chapter 510**
Relates to the definition of wages earned from multiple employers and of plan year for the New York City retirement systems.

Unconsolidated Laws

S.1159-B sponsored by Senator Libous **Chapter 108**
Grants eligibility to Cole Samsel for permanent appointment as a police officer with the Village of Oxford police department even though he is over the age 35.

S.3108 sponsored by Senator Hannon **Chapter 277**
Authorizes the Village of Garden City, in the County of Nassau, to offer police officer Anthony Baker an optional 20 year retirement plan.

S.3523 sponsored by Senator Golden **Veto 227**
Designates certain officers of the police department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as detectives.

S.3892 sponsored by Senator Latimer **Chapter 291**
Relates to authorizing Christopher Ryan to apply for retroactive membership in the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

S.4556 sponsored by Senator Murphy **Chapter 305**
Allows Maureen Callen to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System with the State Comptroller.

S.4557 sponsored by Senator Murphy **Chapter 306**
Allows AnnMarie Milano to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System with the State Comptroller.

S.4711 sponsored by Senator Golden **Chapter 45**
Relates to extending the expiration of the September 11th worker protection task force act.

S.4754 sponsored by Senator Breslin **Chapter 403**
Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Jill Alix and Chris Karwiel.

S.4755 sponsored by Senator Breslin **Veto 216**
Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Brian Stebbins.

S.4756 sponsored by Senator Breslin **Veto 217**
Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Jessica Strizzi.

S.4867 sponsored by Senator Stewart-Cousins **Chapter 259**
Authorizes the Village of Dobbs Ferry to offer an optional twenty-year retirement plan to certain police officers.

S.5062-A sponsored by Senator Seward **Chapter 202**
Authorizes Angelo Gigliotti to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the City of Little Falls.

S.5063-A sponsored by Senator Seward **Chapter 203**
Authorizes Joseph Perri to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the City of Little Falls.

S.5251 sponsored by Senator Farley **Chapter 330**
Authorizes the village of Scotia, in the County of Schenectady, to offer firefighter Daniel Marchand an optional 20 year retirement plan.

S.5379-A sponsored by Senator Bonacic **Chapter 334**
Authorizes certain deputy sheriffs in Sullivan County to participate in the twenty-five year retirement plan.

S.5453-A sponsored by Senator O'Mara **Chapter 337**
Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers.

S.5454-A sponsored by Senator O'Mara **Chapter 338**
Authorizes the village of Painted Post to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to certain police officers employed by such village.

S.5455-A sponsored by Senator O'Mara **Chapter 339**
Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers covered under section 384-d of the retirement and social security law.

S.5456-A sponsored by Senator O'Mara **Chapter 340**
Authorizes the county of Steuben to offer an optional twenty-five year retirement plan to certain deputy sheriffs.

S.5564 sponsored by Senator Ortt **Chapter 342**
Relates to retirement benefits for Jason Hendel of Monroe County.

S.5778 sponsored by Senator Marchione **Chapter 353**
Authorizes the town of Waterford, in the county of Saratoga to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of the optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Craig Fifield.

S.5779 sponsored by Senator Marchione **Chapter 354**
Authorizes the town of Waterford to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Michael Shudt.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S456 Marcellino	Provides that retired persons shall not be employed as the superintendent of schools of a school district for more than one year	2/25/15 Calendar #68
S532 Gallivan	Provides for payment of salary, wages, medical and hospital expenses of members of the state police with injuries or illness incurred in the performance of duties	05/28/15 Passed Senate
S832 Libous	Relates to eligibility for permanent appointment of certain police officers	2/25/15 Calendar #69
S1159B Libous	Grants eligibility to Cole Samsel for permanent appointment as a police officer with the village of Oxford police department even though he is over 35	8/13/15 Chapter 108
S1995 Golden	Relates to the reimbursement for medicare charges	06/11/15 Passed Senate
S2231 Little	Authorizes Jaime Laczko to elect to participate in the optional 25 year retirement plan for forest rangers	6/03/15 Calendar #1091
S2236 Libous	Relates to impairments of health, presumption and staph/MRSA	6/01/15 Passed Senate
S2267 Golden	Relates to scheduling an examination for any position or positions in the classified services that provides child protection services	6/10/15 Calendar #1445
S2447C Farley	Increases the amount of money a retiree may earn in a position of public service to \$35,000	6/17/15 Passed Senate

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S2630 Golden	Relates to reduction of positions in the New York city departments of sanitation and correction based upon seniority with an employer	5/20/15 Calendar #694
S2747 Larkin	Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without reduction of benefits	6/16/15 Passed Senate
S2842A Addabbo	Enacts the "state workforce injury reduction act"	6/15/15 Passed Senate
S3010 Young	Relates to benefits for participating employers in the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	2/11/15 Vetoed Memo No. 292
S3108 Hannon	Authorizes the village of Garden City, in the county of Nassau, to offer police officer Anthony Baker an optional 20 year retirement plan	9/25/15 Chapter 277
S3221 Robach	Relates to university police officers appointed by the state university of New York	12/18/15 Chapter 561
S3252 Sanders	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of certain public employee retirees	5/06/15 Calendar #509
S3320 Lanza	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of certain public employee retirees	6/03/15 Calendar #1094
S3357 Boyle	Relates to eliminating the earnings limitation for retired police officers employed as school resource officers	4/23/15 Calendar #336
S3516 Stavisky	Authorizes Thomas Steier to be reclassified as a Tier II member of the New York city retirement system	6/11/15 Calendar #1487

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S3523 Golden	Designation of certain officers of the police department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as detectives	11/21/15 Vetoed Memo No. 227
S3524 Golden	Relates to employees classified as the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority superior officers benevolent association of an MTA-employer and the resolution of disputes in the course of collective negotiation	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 204
S3528 Kennedy	Relates to the authorization of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system to designate Sean William McCabe as a Tier III member	6/15/15 Passed Senate
S3604B Addabbo	Includes step children within the meaning of the term "child" for purposes of additional credits for children of firefighters, police officers, EMTs and paramedics killed in the line of duty	6/09/15 Passed Senate
S3892 Latimer	Relating to authorizing Christopher Ryan to apply for retroactive membership in the NYS local police and fire retirement system	9/25/15 Chapter 291
S3907 LaValle	Increases the mandatory retirement age from fifty-five to sixty for police officers in the town of Southampton	11/20/15 Chapter 476
S3930A Savino	Restricts the public employment of retired persons from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017	5/20/15 Calendar #695
S3947 Golden	Relates to accidental disability retirement for uniformed court officers and peace officers employed in the unified court system	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 206

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S3948B Golden	Relates to special retirement plans for sheriffs, undersheriffs and deputy sheriffs	2/11/15 Chapter 542
S3949A Golden	Relates to disability retirement benefits for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, undersheriffs and correction officers in Nassau County	4/23/15 Calendar #338
S4113 Addabbo	Relates to additional considerations for public arbitration panels relating to certain employees of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel	06/18/15 Passed Senate
S4141B Golden	Provides beneficiaries with the same allocation of retirement benefits	10/26/15 Chapter 378
S4199 Latimer	Authorizes Christopher Chapeton to file a request for change of benefit coverage with the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	6/09/15 Calendar #1403
S4317A Little	Authorizes the villages of Malone, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake, in the county of Franklin, to employ retired former members of the division of state police as part-time village police officers	6/11/15 Passed Senate
S4345 Lanza	Increases the amount of money a public retirement system retiree may earn in a position of public service to \$50,000	4/23/15 Calendar #340
S4445 Gallivan	Authorizes Lois J. Reid to apply for ordinary disability retirement benefits	6/11/15 Passed Senate
S4487 Bonacic	Authorizes the New York state teachers' retirement system to accept an application for disability retirement benefits from James O'Connell	6/11/15 Passed Senate

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S4551A Latimer	Grants past service credit in the New York state teachers' retirement system to Robin Levine	6/17/15 Passed Senate
S4556 Murphy	Allows Maureen Callen to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System with the State Comptroller	9/25/15 Chapter 305
S4557 Murphy	Allows AnnMarie Milano to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System with the State Comptroller	9/25/15 Chapter 306
S4559 Golden	Provides a procedure for determining suspensions and demotions of members of police agencies upon abolition or reduction of positions	12/11/15 Chapter 525
S4645 O'Mara	Authorizes police officer Christopher J. Cady to enroll in the optional twenty-five year retirement plan for firemen and policemen with tier 3 status	6/11/15 Passed Senate
S4692 Latimer	Authorizes Brian Mulqueen to file a request for change of benefit coverage with the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	6/08/15 Calendar #1368
S4702 Savino	Relates to members of the twenty-year/age fifty retirement program for Triborough bridge and tunnel members	5/06/15 Calendar #511
S4711 Golden	Relates to extending the expiration of the September 11th worker protection task force act	6/30/15 Chapter 45
S4754 Breslin	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Jill Alix and Chris Karwiel	10/26/15 Chapter 403

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S4755 Breslin	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Brian Stebbins	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 216
S4756 Breslin	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Jessica Strizzi	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 217
S4867 Stewart- Cousins	Authorizes the village of Dobbs Ferry to offer an optional twenty-year retirement plan to certain police officers	9/25/15 Chapter 259
S4907 Golden	Relates to age and service eligibility requirements for ordinary retirement for members of the unified court system	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 209
S4932 Golden	Relates to injunctive relief in improper practice cases, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions contained therein	6/30/15 Chapter 47
S4980 Murphy	Authorizes the village of Sleepy Hollow to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to a certain police officer employed by such village	6/15/15 Passed Senate
S4982 Ortt	Relates to the calculation of employer's contributions to the NYS&LERS and the NYS&LP&FRS	7/30/15 Chapter 94
S5012 Golden	Relates to accidental disability retirement	6/18/15 Passed Senate
S5062A Seward	Authorizes Angelo Gigliotti to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	8/13/15 Chapter 202

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S5063A Seward	Authorizes Joseph Perri to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	8/13/15 Chapter 203
S5195 Golden	Relates to criminal justice faculty employed by a community college	5/20/15 Calendar #698
S5251 Farley	Authorizes the village of Scotia, in the county of Schenectady, to offer firefighter Daniel Marchand an optional 20 year retirement plan	9/25/15 Chapter 330
S5343 Carlucci	Authorizes Jodi Manne to receive a refund from the New York state teachers' retirement system	6/17/15 Passed Senate
S5359 Savino	Relates to refunding contributions for New York city transit authority members in the title transit manager	6/03/15 Calendar #1101
S5360 Savino	Relates to refunding certain member contributions and eligible participants in the twenty-five-year and age fifty-five retirement program	6/03/15 Calendar #1102
S5379A Bonacic	Authorizes certain deputy sheriffs in Sullivan county to participate in the twenty-five year retirement plan	9/25/15 Chapter 334
S5391 Golden	Relates to providing for binding arbitration in negotiations involving all members of the collective negotiating units designated as security services or security supervisors	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 210
S5453A O'Mara	Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers	9/25/15 Chapter 337

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S5454A O'Mara	Authorizes the village of Painted Post to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to certain police officers employed by such village	9/25/15 Chapter 338
S5455A O'Mara	Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers	9/25/15 Chapter 339
S5456A O'Mara	Authorizes the county of Steuben to offer an optional twenty-five year retirement plan to certain deputy sheriffs	9/25/15 Chapter 340
S5539 Amedore	Authorizes the county of Greene to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to deputy sheriff John Del Vecchio	9/25/15 Chapter 268
S5564 Ortt	Retirement benefits for Jason Hendel of Monroe County	9/25/15 Chapter 342
S5596 Golden	Relates to the disability benefits of members of the New York police and fire pension funds	5/28/15 Passed Senate
S5632A Golden	Relates to the SUNY optional retirement program	11/20/15 Chapter 508
S5692 Savino	Relates to the definition of wages earned from multiple employers and of plan year for the New York city retirement systems	11/20/15 Chapter 510
S5706 Breslin	Authorizes Kathleen M. Dalton to have maternity leave deemed as benefits eligible service for retiree health insurance purposes	6/16/15 Passed Senate
S5730 Golden	Relates to an employees' ability to revert back to a previously held non-competitive or labor class title	6/16/15 Passed Senate

Bill No./ Sponsor	Title	Date/ Disposition
S5749 Stewart-Cousins	Authorizes Leila El-Chehabi to apply for service credit in the New York state teachers' retirement system	6/18/15 Passed Senate
S5755 Felder	Grants retroactive retiree status to former New York city public-school teacher Israel Baum	6/18/15 Passed Senate
S5778 Marchione	Authorizes the town of Waterford to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Craig Fifield	9/25/15 Chapter 353
S5779 Marchione	Authorizes the town of Waterford to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Michael Shudt	9/25/15 Chapter 354
S5785 Golden	Relates to allowing members of the NYSLPFRS to receive credit for service rendered with Metro-North, the L.I. Railroad or MTA	12/11/15 Chapter 533
S5796 Savino	Grants employees in labor class positions rights with regards to the suspension or demotion upon abolition or reduction of certain positions	10/26/15 Vetoed Memo No. 219

2015 CIVIL SERVICE AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE BILLS

Bill-No	Title	Significant Action
S125	Clarifies the identity of courts having jurisdiction relating to a conviction of a felony as grounds for forfeiture of a public officer's New York state pension benefits	Civil Service & Pensions
S126	Relates to forfeiture of pension rights or retirement benefits upon conviction of a felony related to public employment	Civil Service & Pensions
S303	Relates to suspension or demotion upon abolition or reduction of positions for labor class titles	Civil Service & Pensions
S456	Provides that retired persons shall not be employed as the superintendent of schools of a school district for more than one year	Calendar #68
S461	Relates to establishing NYS prescription medication cost containment program	Civil Service & Pensions
S531	Lifts mandatory hiring and retirement ages for state and municipal police	Civil Service & Pensions
S532	Provides for payment of salary, wages, medical and hospital expenses of members of the state police with injuries or illness incurred in the performance of duties	Passed the Senate
S680	Prohibits elected officials from collecting retirement while still in office when the retirement is earned from an elective public office	Civil Service & Pensions
S811	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of public employee retirees	Civil Service & Pensions
S832	Relates to eligibility for permanent appointment of certain police officers	Calendar #69
S1031A	Establishes a temporary task force on the variable supplements fund program	Civil Service & Pensions
S1101	Relates to military service credits	Civil Service & Pensions
S1159B	Grants eligibility to Cole Samsel for permanent appointment as a police officer with the village of Oxford police department even though he is over 35	Chapter #108
S1383	Provides that the periods of the Iranian Hostage Crisis and from November 21, 1979 to October 20, 1981 be "time of war" periods for civil service credit	Civil Service & Pensions
S1464	Grants additional credit to volunteer firefighters in competitive civil service examinations for appointment and promotion, also for retention	Civil Service & Pensions
S1540	Directs the president of the state civil service commission to publish reports annually relating to diversity within state government	Civil Service & Pensions
S1570	Ensures language assistance services by state agencies and requires state agencies to maintain records and to submit an annual report on language services	Civil Service & Pensions
S1577	Relates to authorizing the city of Syracuse to offer an optional retirement plan to police officer Thomas R. Nicolini	Civil Service & Pensions
S1670	Authorizes William J. Horrigan to apply for retroactive accidental disability retirement benefits	Civil Service & Pensions
S1968A	Provides equal retirement benefits for persons who have been appointed to the title of superintendent in the department of corrections and community supervision	Civil Service & Pensions
S1995	Relates to the reimbursement for medicare charges	Passed the Senate
S2016	Relates to retaliation against other jurisdictions which discriminate against hiring New York state residents	Civil Service & Pensions
S2037D	Allows municipal commissions to use alternate lists for filling vacancies with resident and non-resident minority group members and women in order to achieve diversity in police departments	Civil Service & Pensions
S2062	Relates to Tier IV retirement benefits for Luke Parga	Civil Service & Pensions
S2161	Increases local government participation in the Empire Plan Prescription Drug Plan	Civil Service & Pensions

Bill-No	Title	Significant Action
S2231	Authorizes Jaime Laczko to elect to participate in the optional 25 year retirement plan for forest rangers	Calendar #1091
S2236	Relates to impairments of health, presumption and staph/MRSA	Passed the Senate
S2267	Relates to scheduling an examination for any position or positions in the classified services that provides child protection services	Calendar #1445
S2270A	Grants Andrew M. Eszak full time service credit in the New York state and local employees' retirement system for his employment with the city of Lackawanna, county of Erie	Civil Service & Pensions
S2364	Authorizes Lori A. Bailie to file a retroactive retirement application with the New York state and local employees' retirement system on behalf of her deceased husband	Civil Service & Pensions
S2432	Directs the governor to establish a pilot program providing a 4 day work week for certain state employees	Civil Service & Pensions
S2447C	Increases the amount of money a retiree may earn in a position of public service to \$35,000	Passed the Senate
S2630	Relates to reduction of positions in the New York city departments of sanitation and correction based upon seniority with an employer	Calendar #694
S2680	Prohibits the receipt of pension benefits by an elected official who has been convicted of certain criminal conduct	Civil Service & Pensions
S2747	Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without reduction of benefits	Passed the Senate
S2749	Relates to leave for cancer screening; repealer	Civil Service & Pensions
S2842A	Enacts the "state workforce injury reduction act"	Passed the Senate
S2898	Establishes a defined contribution plan	Civil Service & Pensions
S3010	Relates to benefits for participating employers in the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	Veto #292
S3062	Eliminates the maximum age for taking the civil service examination for appointment as a police officer or as an environmental conservation officer	Reported to Senate Finance
S3108	Authorizes the village of Garden City, in the county of Nassau, to offer police officer Anthony Baker an optional 20 year retirement plan	Chapter #277
S3120	Requires the New York state power authority and its employees to submit all unresolvable contract negotiations to binding arbitration	Reported to Senate Finance
S3143	Provides that a member shall forfeit retirement rights and benefits if convicted of certain crimes related to public employment; repealer	Civil Service & Pensions
S3168	Relates to a waiver of earnings limitation for certain retirees of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system employed by the state university	Civil Service & Pensions
S3202	Relates to determination of state contribution for certain benefits provided pursuant to collective bargaining agreements	Reported to Senate Finance
S3221	Relates to university police officers appointed by the state university of New York	Chapter #561
S3231	Relates to promotional exams	Civil Service & Pensions
S3249	Establishes policy of equal pay for both sexes and equivalent value of work and directs the taking of corrective action	Civil Service & Pensions
S3252	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of certain public employee retirees	Calendar #509
S3289	Relates to permitting retired members to authorize a deduction from retirement benefits for membership dues in not-for-profit membership organizations	Civil Service & Pensions
S3320	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of certain public employee retirees	Calendar #1094
S3349	Makes president of COBA a member of the board of trustees of the NYCERS	Civil Service & Pensions

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S3350	Affords uniformed personnel of the NYC department of correction and NYC department of sanitation the option of taking a monetary payment in lieu of terminal leave	Civil Service & Pensions
S3357	Relates to eliminating the earnings limitation for retired police officers employed as school resource officers	Calendar #336
S3516	Authorizes Thomas Steier to be reclassified as a Tier II member of the New York city retirement system	Calendar #1487
S3521B	Relates to providing a final average salary disability retirement benefit to certain participants in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations	Civil Service & Pensions
S3523	Designation of certain officers of the police department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as detectives	Veto #227
S3524	Relates to employees classified as the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority superior officers benevolent association of an MTA-employer and the resolution of disputes in the course of collective negotiation	Veto #204
S3527	Authorizes the widow of William James Middlebrooks to file a retirement option election on behalf of her deceased husband	Civil Service & Pensions
S3528	Relates to the authorization of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system to designate Sean William McCabe as a Tier III member	Passed the Senate
S3529	Grants Jo Ann H. Mattingly Tier II status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S3604B	Includes step children within the meaning of the term "child" for purposes of additional credits for children of firefighters, police officers, EMTs and paramedics killed in the line of duty	Passed the Senate
S3639	Relates to discipline of an employee for physical or sexual abuse of people with developmental disabilities	Civil Service & Pensions
S3786	Directs the president of the civil service commission to study and publish a report evaluating wage disparities among public employers	Civil Service & Pensions
S3892	Relating to authorizing Christopher Ryan to apply for retroactive membership in the NYS local police and fire retirement system	Chapter #291
S3907	Increases the mandatory retirement age from fifty-five to sixty for police officers in the town of Southampton	Chapter #476
S3919	Relates to applying cost-of-living adjustments	Civil Service & Pensions
S3930A	Restricts the public employment of retired persons from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017	Calendar #695
S3944	Relates to a retirement contribution reserve fund for the purposes of the New York state teachers' retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S3947	Relates to accidental disability retirement for uniformed court officers and peace officers employed in the unified court system	Veto #206
S3948B	Relates to special retirement plans for sheriffs, undersheriffs and deputy sheriffs	Chapter #542
S3949A	Relates to disability retirement benefits for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, undersheriffs and correction officers in Nassau County	Calendar #338
S3991	Limits the amount of employer contributions to the state retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S4001	In relation to providing county correction officers with a special optional twenty year retirement plan	Civil Service & Pensions
S4113	Relates to additional considerations for public arbitration panels relating to certain employees of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel	Passed the Senate
S4117	Relates to the minimum retirement allowance for certain state teachers' retirement system pensioners who retired prior to July 1, 1980	Civil Service & Pensions
S4120	Grants Donald E. Pikarsky eligibility for accidental disability retirement benefits	Civil Service & Pensions
S4141B	Provides beneficiaries with the same allocation of retirement benefits	Chapter #378
S4199	Authorizes Christopher Chapeton to file a request for change of benefit coverage with the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	Calendar #1403

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S4246	Grants retroactive membership with tier 1 status in the New York teachers' retirement system to James J. DeMarco	Civil Service & Pensions
S4251	Authorizes Chester S. Kasprzyk to apply for retroactive membership and service credit in the New York state and local employees' retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S4285	Prohibits the diminution of health insurance benefits of public employee retirees	Civil Service & Pensions
S4292	Authorizes the recalculation of James Mallan's benefit for disability purposes	Civil Service & Pensions
S4295	Relates to allowing Charles McDonough to file a request for Tier II status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system	Enacting Clause Stricken
S4317A	Authorizes the villages of Malone, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake, in the county of Franklin, to employ retired former members of the division of state police as part-time village police officers	Passed the Senate
S4335	Relates to granting tier II retirement benefits in the New York city retirement system to Elisabeth Beavan	Civil Service & Pensions
S4341	Grants Tier I status in the New York state teachers' retirement system to Karen Siris	Civil Service & Pensions
S4342	Relates to providing cost-of-living adjustments	Civil Service & Pensions
S4345	Increases the amount of money a public retirement system retiree may earn in a position of public service to \$50,000	Calendar #340
S4445	Authorizes Lois J. Reid to apply for ordinary disability retirement benefits	Passed the Senate
S4487	Authorizes the New York state teachers' retirement system to accept an application for disability retirement benefits from James O'Connell	Passed the Senate
S4525	Relates to the dates of hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States in Lebanon	Civil Service & Pensions
S4551A	Grants past service credit in the New York state teachers' retirement system to Robin Levine	Passed the Senate
S4556	Allows Maureen Callen to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system with the state comptroller	Chapter #305
S4557	Allows AnnMarie Milano to file a request for Tier IV status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system with the state comptroller	Chapter #306
S4559	Provides a procedure for determining suspensions and demotions of members of police agencies upon abolition or reduction of positions	Chapter #525
S4623	Provides for members of certain retirement systems to obtain credit for up to 5 years service rendered as a teacher in a private elementary or secondary school or a private college in New York state	Civil Service & Pensions
S4628	Enacts the "public employee whistleblower protection act"; repealer	Chapter #585
S4632	Removes post-retirement earnings restrictions for New York city department of corrections uniformed personnel	Calendar #1888
S4644	Relates to certain members who re-enter public service	Civil Service & Pensions
S4645	Authorizes police officer Christopher J. Cady to enroll in the optional twenty-five year retirement plan for firemen and policemen with tier 3 status	Passed the Senate
S4692	Authorizes Brian Mulqueen to file a request for change of benefit coverage with the New York state and local police and fire retirement system	Calendar #1368
S4702	Relates to members of the twenty-year/age fifty retirement program for Triborough bridge and tunnel members	Calendar #511
S4711	Relates to extending the expiration of the September 11th worker protection task force act	Chapter #45
S4734	Authorizes the payment of ordinary disability retirement benefits by the New York state teachers' retirement system to the widow of Lawrence L. Allen	Civil Service & Pensions
S4746	Requires various public transit authorities and their employees to submit all unresolvable contract negotiations to binding arbitration	Civil Service & Pensions
S4754	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Jill Alix and Chris Karwiel	Chapter #403

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S4755	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Brian Stebbins	Veto #216
S4756	Grants retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Jessica Strizzi	Veto #217
S4810	Relates to service credit for James N. Camarda for military service during his employment at the Long Island Rail Road	Civil Service & Pensions
S4825	Relates to the disability benefits of correction members of the New York City employees' retirement system	Calendar #1889
S4867	Authorizes the village of Dobbs Ferry to offer an optional twenty-year retirement plan to certain police officers	Chapter #259
S4871	Relates to certain disputed agreements determined by the public arbitration panel	Civil Service & Pensions
S4894A	Grants excused leave to public officers, employees of the state, county, municipality or school district to undertake screening for cancer; repealer	Civil Service & Pensions
S4907	Relates to age and service eligibility requirements for ordinary retirement for members of the unified court system	Veto #209
S4927	Prohibits the use of placement agents or intermediaries by investment managers doing business with the common retirement fund	Civil Service & Pensions
S4932	Relates to injunctive relief in improper practice cases, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions contained therein	Chapter #47
S4936	Implements state policy of fair and equal pay for equivalent value of work	Civil Service & Pensions
S4980	Authorizes the village of Sleepy Hollow to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to a certain police officer employed by such village	Passed the Senate
S4982	Relates to the calculation of employer's contributions to the NYS&LERS and the NYS&LP&FRS	Chapter #94
S4985A	Relates to providing performance of duty disability retirement benefits for ambulance medical technician supervisors, ambulance medical technician coordinators and ambulance medical technicians in Nassau county	Civil Service & Pensions
S4987A	Relates to providing certain accidental disability retirement benefits for Nassau county fire marshals	Civil Service & Pensions
S5012	Relates to accidental disability retirement	Passed the Senate
S5062A	Authorizes Angelo Gigliotti to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	Chapter #202
S5063A	Authorizes Joseph Perri to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	Chapter #203
S5065A	Relates to supplemental military retirement allowances for members of public retirement systems of the state	Civil Service & Pensions
S5152	Authorizes Steven M. Carlson to apply for retroactive membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system based on prior seasonal employment by the city of New York	Civil Service & Pensions
S5195	Relates to criminal justice faculty employed by a community college	Calendar #698
S5245	Relates to death benefits for certain members	Civil Service & Pensions
S5251	Authorizes the village of Scotia, in the county of Schenectady, to offer firefighter Daniel Marchand an optional 20 year retirement plan	Chapter #330
S5262	Relates to use of accrued sick time, compensation time or vacation time	Civil Service & Pensions
S5343	Authorizes Jodi Manne to receive a refund from the New York state teachers' retirement system	Passed the Senate
S5359	Relates to refunding contributions for New York city transit authority members in the title transit manager	Calendar #1101
S5360	Relates to refunding certain member contributions and eligible participants in the twenty-five-year and age fifty-five retirement program	Calendar #1102
S5379A	Authorizes certain deputy sheriffs in Sullivan county to participate in the twenty-five year retirement plan	Chapter #334

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S5391	Relates to providing for binding arbitration in negotiations involving all members of the collective negotiating units designated as security services or security supervisors	Veto #210
S5394	Grants retroactive membership with tier 3 status in the New York teachers' retirement system to Victor Owen	Civil Service & Pensions
S5453A	Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers	Chapter #337
S5454A	Authorizes the village of Painted Post to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to certain police officers employed by such village	Chapter #338
S5455A	Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers	Chapter #339
S5456A	Authorizes the county of Steuben to offer an optional twenty-five year retirement plan to certain deputy sheriffs	Chapter #340
S5539	Authorizes the county of Greene to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to deputy sheriff John Del Vecchio	Chapter #268
S5564	Retirement benefits for Jason Hendel of Monroe County	Chapter #342
S5596	Relates to the disability benefits of members of the New York police and fire pension funds	Passed the Senate
S5601A	Makes technical changes relating to applications for membership; correctly categorize certain funds as joint custody and to authorize regulations for new payment technologies	Reported to Senate Finance
S5632A	Relates to the SUNY optional retirement program	Chapter #508
S5656	Relates to the disability benefits of members of the New York police and fire pension funds, and the disability benefits of sanitation and correction officers of the NYCERS	Civil Service & Pensions
S5692	Relates to the definition of wages earned from multiple employers and of plan year for the New York city retirement systems	Chapter #510
S5697	Authorizes Bradley M. Fuerst to participate in the optional 20 year retirement plan for police officers	Enacting Clause Stricken
S5700A	Relates to the membership of police officers and firefighters	Civil Service & Pensions
S5705B	Relates to disability benefits for certain members of the New York city police pension fund, the New York city fire department pension fund or the New York city employees' retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S5706	Authorizes Kathleen M. Dalton to have maternity leave deemed as benefits eligible service for retiree health insurance purposes	Passed the Senate
S5711	Grants Eric Zausner tier IV status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system	Civil Service & Pensions
S5730	Relates to an employees' ability to revert back to a previously held non-competitive or labor class title	Passed the Senate
S5749	Authorizes Leila El-Chehabi to apply for service credit in the New York state teachers' retirement system	Passed the Senate
S5755	Grants retroactive retiree status to former New York city public-school teacher Israel Baum	Passed the Senate
S5778	Authorizes the town of Waterford to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Craig Fifield	Chapter #353
S5779	Authorizes the town of Waterford to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan and the additional pension benefit plan for members of optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Michael Shudt	Chapter #354
S5785	Relates to allowing members of the NYSLPFRS to receive credit for service rendered with Metro-North, the L.I. Railroad or MTA	Chapter #533
S5790	Relates to the form of payment of retirement benefits for certain public retirees and beneficiaries	Civil Service & Pensions

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S5796	Grants employees in labor class positions rights with regards to the suspension or demotion upon abolition or reduction of certain positions	Veto #219
S5805	Establishes the customized employment demonstration program whereby certain positions are divided into sub-positions by the civil service commission to provide for employment of disabled persons	Civil Service & Pensions