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DATE: June 9, 2009

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Sean Logan 

RE: Co-sponsorship of legislation

In the near future I will be amending the Second Class County Code to allow a Forensic Investigator in the Office of the Medical Examiner to retire at 55 years of age with 20 years of service. The Office of the Medical Examiner employs between 12 and 18 Forensic Investigators so this should have a very minor impact on the retirement system.

The Forensic Investigator encompasses the duties of detective, counselor and scientist. This is a unique mix as the Investigator is often analyzing and removing humans, animals or objects that weigh anywhere from a pound to 500 pounds. Additionally, the Investigator is often the person who speaks to family at a scene. And lastly, the Investigator is the one determining the cause of death. In 2008 alone, there were over 8,000 cases investigated.

The Forensic Investigator is one of the remaining law enforcement entities not provided this voluntary retirement benefit and I ask your support by cosponsoring this legislation.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Ranee Jacobs at 787-5580, or rjacobs@pasenate.com

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