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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 622 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN AND STEFANO, MAY 20, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to  
3 retirement for State employees and officers, further  
4 providing for definitions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The definition of "enforcement officer" in  
8 section 5102 of Title 71 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
9 Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 5102. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases as used in this part, unless  
12 a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall  
13 have the following meanings:

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15 "Enforcement officer."

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17 (7) Commissioned police officers employed by the  
18 Department of Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and  
19 Intelligence.

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2 Section 2. Notwithstanding 71 Pa.C.S. §§ 5507 and 5508, for  
3 purposes of 71 Pa.C.S. § 5508(c)(4), any change in the accrued  
4 liability that results from the addition of paragraph (7) to the  
5 definition of "enforcement officer" in 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 shall  
6 be funded in equal dollar installments as a percentage of  
7 compensation of all affected active members and active  
8 participants employed by the Department of Corrections, Bureau  
9 of Investigations and Intelligence over a period of 10 years  
10 from the first day of July following the valuation date  
11 coincident with or next following the effective date of this  
12 section.

13 Section 3. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
14 provision of this act or its application to any person or  
15 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity should not affect  
16 other provisions or applications of this act which can be given  
17 effect without the invalid provision or application.

18 Section 4. The addition of paragraph (7) of the definition  
19 of "enforcement officer" in 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 shall apply  
20 retroactively to any current employee of the Department of  
21 Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence, who  
22 first became a member of the State Employees' Retirement System  
23 on or before December 31, 2018. For those current employees of  
24 the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and  
25 Intelligence, who first became a member of the State Employees'  
26 Retirement System on or after January 1, 2019, paragraph (7)  
27 shall apply as of the effective date of this section and shall  
28 not apply retroactively.

29 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.