

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 669 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY REGAN, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, PITTMAN, MARTIN, ARGALL, MASTRIANO, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON AND TOMLINSON, MAY 10, 2021

SENATOR REGAN, LAW AND JUSTICE, AS AMENDED, MAY 24, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for
3 pension service credit for prior service with police
4 department.

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

7 Section 1. Chapter 91 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER C

10 POLICE PENSION PLANS

11 Sec.

12 9121. Definitions.

13 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police
14 department.

15 9123. Computation of amount due.

16 9124. Ineligibility.

17 9125. APPLICABILITY TO PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT

18 SYSTEM.

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1 § 9121. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Police department." This term shall have the same meaning
6 as provided under section 2162 (relating to definitions).

7 "Police officer." This term shall have the same meaning as
8 provided under section 2162.

9 § 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police
10 department.

11 A city, other than a city of the first class, borough, town,
12 township or regional police department shall amend its ordinance
13 or resolution establishing a police pension fund to provide
14 full-time police officers WHO HAVE SATISFIED VESTING <--
15 REQUIREMENTS the option to purchase up to five years of pension
16 service credit for prior part-time or full-time police service
17 provided in a police department.

18 § 9123. Computation of amount due.

19 The amount due for the purchase of credit for prior police
20 service shall be computed by:

21 (1) multiplying the normal cost rate for the police
22 pension plan a police officer is buying into, but not to
23 exceed 10%, by the police officer's average annual rate of
24 compensation over the first three years of service with the
25 police department; and

26 (2) multiplying the product from paragraph (1) by the
27 number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable
28 prior police service being purchased together with interest
29 at the rate of 4.75% compounded annually from the date of
30 initial entry into full-time service with the police

1 department to the date of payment.

2 § 9124. Ineligibility.

3 The following apply:

4 (1) No police officer shall be eligible to purchase
5 service credit for prior police service for which the officer
6 otherwise receives or is entitled to receive pension service
7 credit from any other pension fund.

8 (2) No police officer shall be eligible to purchase
9 service credit for prior police service that combined with
10 credited military service exceeds five years.

11 § 9125. APPLICABILITY TO PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT
12 SYSTEM.

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13 NOTHING IN THIS SUBCHAPTER SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO IMPACT THE
14 PORTABILITY AND TRANSFER OF SERVICE CREDITS BETWEEN SYSTEM-
15 ADMINISTERED PENSION PLANS WITHIN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL
16 RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.