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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM --  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senators Appollonio, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Patalano, LaMountain,  
Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, and Dimitri  
Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 36-10-9.8 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-10 entitled "Retirement  
2   System — Contributions and Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3           **36-10-9.8. Retirement on service allowance — State law enforcement professionals.**
- 4           (a) Effective January 1, ~~2025~~ 2027, notwithstanding any special law or general law, rule,  
5   or regulation to the contrary, state employees employed as deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers,  
6   environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, probation and parole  
7   officers, firefighters, crew chiefs, assistant chiefs, fire investigators, fire safety inspectors, fire  
8   safety training officers, explosives and flammable liquids technicians, and campus police officers  
9   employed by the state of Rhode Island shall be entitled to the benefits provided by §§ 45-21.2-5,  
10   45-21.2-6, 45-21.2-10, 45-21.2-11, 45-21.2-12, and 45-21.2-13.
- 11           (b) For members identified in subsection (a) of this section, service credits earned prior to  
12   January 1, 2025, shall be determined by the laws in effect on December 31, 2024.
- 13           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would add probation and parole officers to the list of state law enforcement
- 2 professionals, for purpose of retirement on service allowance.
- 3           This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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