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Dear Speaker Heastie,

I am pleased to submit the 2021 Annual Report for the Assembly's Standing Committee on Governmental Employees.

The Committee advanced significant legislation throughout the 2021 Legislative session year.

Prominently, Chapter 78 of the Laws of 2021 extends the sunset date of the benefits created in Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2020 that permit the beneficiaries of any state employees and officers who contracted COVID-19 while at work and died due to such diagnosis to receive an accidental death benefit.

To protect our first responders, educators, and public health professionals, many of whom work on the frontlines, the Committee advanced Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2021. This law provides both private and public employees up to four hours of paid leave for each COVID-19 vaccine injection. The Committee also advanced Chapter 214 of the Laws of 2021, which prohibits public employers from taking disciplinary action against an employee for the use of any leave of absence to quarantine or treat a COVID-19 diagnosis or contact.

This is a small sampling of the legislation the Committee has reported this year, highlighting its commitment to the working men and women in our state. This annual report provides greater details on the Committee's accomplishments, and reports on the various legislative proposals considered by the Committee this year.

I would like to thank the Committee members and staff for all their hard work and dedication to our state's public employees. Additionally, I would like to thank the public employee organizations, unions and the many government officials who have helped make this year a successful one. I look forward to continuing to serve as the Committee chair.

I also thank you for your guidance and support, which was vital to the accomplishments of the Committee during the 2021 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Abbate, Jr.
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Annual Report
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COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Employees oversees legislation and policy proposals concerning the civil service law and the public pension and retirement systems.

Throughout the 2021 Legislative Session, the Committee strove to protect the rights of and provide basic workplace protections to all employees and officers in the State of New York. In order to complete our mission, we have worked earnestly to pass legislation that relates to the fair and equal compensation of public employees, disciplinary and hearing proceedings, civil service examinations and appointments, disability and retirement benefits for uniformed employees, the right to organize collective bargaining units, and the ratification of collective bargaining agreements. The Committee has also reviewed legislation altering pension and disability benefits and eligibility for such benefits for certain members of the public pension and retirement systems. At the same time, the Committee has reviewed policies to ensure that legislation does not undermine any of the pension funds on which public retirees depend. Through our work, the Committee seeks to enhance the governing structure of pension systems as well as maintain their sustainability.

Additionally, the Committee on Governmental Employees is responsible for the mandate of legislative initiatives protecting the individuals our communities rely on the most: our public safety personnel. Our police, fire, emergency medical technicians, sanitation and corrections workers risk their lives to protect our citizens and maintain the services New Yorkers rely on every day. In recognition of their dedicated service, the Committee has advanced legislation that aims to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the law enforcement, public safety and security organizations located within New York State.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, a total of 268 legislative proposals were referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees. The Committee reported 78 bills. Of those proposals, 62 passed both Houses. Of those, 55 were chaptered and 7 were vetoed.

I. COVID-19 BENEFITS

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant toll on New York State’s public workforce, many of whom have been on the frontlines throughout the pandemic. Our educators, first responders, and public health professionals have shown commendable dedication. The following significant legislation was advanced by the Committee to protect the individuals engaging in in-person work throughout this challenging time.

A.3354-B (Fall) / S.2588-A (Gounardes) – Chapter 77

This law grants public and private employees a paid leave of absence of up to four hours for each COVID-19 vaccine injection. The law provides that employees shall be able to receive a greater number of hours pursuant to a collectively bargained agreement or as authorized by the employer and that an employee shall not be retaliated against by an employer for taking leave to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

A.3988 (Abbate) / S.4681 (Gounardes) – Chapter 78

This law extends the COVID-19 accidental death benefit established in Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2020 for state and local employees to December 31, 2022. This law allows an accidental death benefit to be awarded to the statutory beneficiary of a public employee who reported for work to any location other than his or her home on or after March 1, 2020 and died of COVID-19 or a COVID-19 related illness within forty-five days after any such date.

A.4063-A (Abbate) / S.4201-A (Savino) – Chapter 214

This law prohibits public employers from dismissing or taking other disciplinary action against a public employee related to the use of any leave to quarantine, seek medical treatment, or engage in other activities related to a COVID-19 diagnosis or contact.

II. CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS

The State of New York is home to some of the most dedicated servicemen and women in the country. As such, it is crucial that we offer them the same level of support and safety in return. In acknowledging the vital role of a robust public sector workforce, the Committee has worked diligently to introduce and advance the following legislative proposals.

A.6096 (Abbate) / S.6065 (Gounardes) – Chapter 137

This law extends certain statutory provisions of law that allow a public employee to petition before the Public Employment Relations Board or the New York City Board of Collective Bargaining and receive injunctive relief for an improper practice charge from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

A.7023 (Abbate) / S.6737 (Gounardes) – Chapter 120

This law extends statutory provisions that provide compulsory arbitration for the resolution of impasses during collective bargaining negotiations between the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the New York City Transit Authority, or the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority and their recognized employee organizations from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2023.

A.7465 (Cruz) / S.2057 (Sepulveda) – Chapter 401

This law directs the State Civil Service Department and local municipal commissions to promote each competitive examination issued by the department or commission. The law also directs the State Civil Service Department to offer exams at any location or locations that it deems suitable and to make efforts to use SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers when selecting testing sites.

A.7935 (Abbate) / S.7100 (Gounardes) – Chapter 386

This law extends the deadline by which New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) employers must implement a plan to further reduce the number of excess provisional appointments to December 31, 2023. The law also extends the deadline by which DCAS employers must submit a progress report on the number of provisional appointments that have been reduced and the number of provisional appointments remaining to the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Temporary President of the Senate and the Mayor of New York City to December 31, 2022. The law authorizes an increase in the percentage goal for substantial compliance to six and one-half percent and provides that DCAS employers shall not administer more than one Qualified Incumbent Exam per title.

III. BENEFITS FOR UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

During this legislative session year, the Committee has advanced legislation seeking to provide and extend eligibility for disability benefits to certain uniformed members and provide financial stability to injured members and their families. The following are such noteworthy pieces of legislation.

A.3476 (Abbate) / S.2934 (Kamisky) – Chapter 245

This law adds the titles of police medics, police medic supervisors, and members who perform police medic-related services to Retirement and Social Security Law in order to reflect nomenclature changes made by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. This law ensures that members whose title names changed shall continue to be eligible for retirement and disability benefits.

A.6384-A (Abbate) / S.4961-B (Gounardes) – Chapter 424

This law permits members of the New York State and Local Retirement System who participated in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery, or Cleanup operations as non-members employed by a

public employer within the State and who subsequently purchased pension credits covering such period to be eligible for the World Trade Center presumption benefit.

A.6663 (Abbate) / S.6512 (Gounardes) – Chapter 370

This law limits the maximum loan amount that Tier VI members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System who join the system on or after July 1, 2022 may borrow each year to be no greater than fifty percent of a member's total contributions, or \$50,000, whichever is less. This law also makes technical corrections to existing loan provisions in sections of Retirement and Social Security Law.

A.6934-A (Abbate) / S.7009 (Savino) – Chapter 425

This law allows a member of a public retirement system to electronically submit a World Trade Center notice of participation through a secure online portal maintained by the member's retirement system.

A.7124 (Joyner) / S.6483 (Gounardes) – Chapter 327

This law applies a three percent cost-of-living increase to the salary used in the computation of the special accidental death benefit paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of a deceased uniformed member of the New York City Employees' Retirement System or the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System for deaths occurring before 2021.

A.7181 (Conrad) / S.6513 (Mannion) – Chapter 329

This law authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System to accept alternate methods of postal mail services and offer expanded options to members for submitting and filing retirement system forms and applications.

A.7182 (Buttenschon) / S.6618 (Gounardes) – Chapter 376

This law provides that the post-retirement ordinary death benefit of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System who joined the retirement system at an age greater than sixty and died during their third year of retirement shall not be reduced below ten per centum of the benefit in force at the time of retirement.

A.7204 (Abbate) / S.5728-A (Gounardes) – Chapter 357

This law provides that for deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2021, the beneficiaries of deceased members of the New York City Teachers' Retirement System will no longer be permitted to establish tax-deferred accounts through the tax-deferred annuity (TDA) program. This program allows beneficiaries to distribute death benefit payments over a period of years, as opposed to receiving the benefit as a lump sum. This has frequently led to negative consequences related to taxation. Inherited IRAs, which allow beneficiaries to spread out death benefit payments over time

without negative tax effects, are widely available, therefore the TDA program is no longer necessary.

A.7958 (Abbate) / S.7159 (Gounardes) – Chapter 391

This law extends for two fiscal years the current seven percent per annum statutory rate of interest used by the Chief Actuary for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System, Board of Education Retirement System, Police Pension Fund and Fire Department Pension Fund in valuing retirement system liabilities for the purpose of computing the amount of employer contributions to those systems. The law also extends for two fiscal years the current rates of special interest, additional interest and supplementary interest, which govern the amount of interest to be paid into certain constituent funds of the City retirement systems, and the amount of interest to be credited on accumulated member contributions and reserves-for-increased-take-home-pay of Tier I and Tier II members of those retirement systems.

IV. PENSION & CIVIL SERVICE LEGISLATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

The following legislation pertains to certain New York State Civil Service employees and members of New York State Retirement Systems concerning eligibility for certain retirement plans and tiers, competitive civil service examinations, and fields of employment.

A.4675 (Tague) / S.4404 (Jordan) – Chapter 811

This law authorizes the County of Columbia to offer Theodore Blank, a member of the optional twenty-five-year retirement plan for sheriffs, undersheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and corrections officers of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed as a Columbia County deputy sheriff, service credit in an employer-elected twenty-year retirement plan.

A.5325 (Lupardo) / S.4117 (Akshar) – Chapter 530

This law authorizes the Village of Endicott to offer Jennifer Quinn, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as a police officer with such village, full service credit in a twenty-year retirement plan.

A.5577 (Byrnes) / S.3594 (Gallivan) – Chapter 703

This law allows Shawn Coveny, a Tier VI member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed at the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, to elect into Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to May 31, 2008, upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.6383 (Burke) / S.4401 (Gallivan) – Chapter 532

This law grants Jason M. Schiedel, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as captain of patrol by the Town of Orchard Park Police Department,

retroactive service credit for the period employed as a part-time police officer with the Village of Gowanda from February 1995 to February 2003 in his current pension plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.6670 (Gunther) / S.5691 (Griffo) – Chapter 538

This law allows David Goodman, a Tier VI member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, to elect into Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to November 24, 2009, upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.6725 (Cahill) / S.4343 (Hinchey) – Chapter 531

This law authorizes Ulster County to offer participation in an optional twenty-year retirement plan to Kyle Frano, Joseph Sciutto, and Emmett Vedder III, employed as deputy sheriffs in such county, who may elect to participate in such plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.6735 (Tague) / S.4779 (Hinchey) – Chapter 537

This law authorizes the Village of Athens to offer participation in an optional twenty-year retirement plan to Edward Tercasio, Jr., employed as a police officer with such village, who may elect to participate in such plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.7444 (Abbate) / S.7169 (Reichlin-Melnick) – Chapter 544

This law authorizes the Town of Orangetown to offer participation in a special twenty-year retirement plan to Patrick J. Casey, Elizabeth M. Muckell, and Keith E. Trojan, employed as police officers with such town, who may elect to participate in such plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.7793 (DeStefano) / S.6822 (Palumbo) – Chapter 817

This law allows Kevin Moriarty, a Tier VI member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System employed by the University of Stony Brook, to elect into Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to July 1, 1998, upon filing a request with the head of the retirement system.

A.7880-A (Miller B.) / S.7154 (Skoufis) – Chapter 388

This law authorizes Gina Kehoe, a part-time police officer in the Town of Montgomery, to take the competitive civil service examination for appointment as a full-time police officer in the Town of Montgomery Police Department.

A.7964 (Simpson) / S.5544 (Stec) – Chapter 708

This law allows Jaime Laczko, a member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed as a forest ranger with the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation, to elect to participate in an optional twenty-five-year retirement plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.

A.8012 (Meeks) / S.7187 (Cooney) – Chapter 685

This law authorizes payment of the remaining annual compensation of late Member of the Assembly David F. Gantt, who died on July 1, 2020, to his surviving children.

APPENDIX A

2021 SUMMARY SHEET

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 7

<u>FINAL ACTION</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY BILLS</u>	<u>SENATE BILLS</u>	<u>TOTAL BILLS</u>
BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLE TO:			
CODES	2	0	2
JUDICIARY	0	0	0
WAYS AND MEANS	11	0	11
RULES	0	0	0
FLOOR	2	0	2
TOTAL	15	0	15
COMMITTEE ACTION			
HELD FOR CONSIDERATION	28	0	28
DEFEATED	0	0	0
ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN	6	0	6
REMAINING IN COMMITTEE	266	14	280
BILLS REFERENCE CHANGED TO: WAYS AND MEANS			
TOTAL	9	0	9

APPENDIX B

ALL BILLS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY IN 2021

Bill Number	Legislative Summary	Legislative Status
A.1414-A (Lupardo)/ S.4719-A (Brooks)	Grants paid leave of absence to public employees who are members of the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol or the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Pilots for participation in emergency services missions during a declared state of emergency.	Chapter 438
A.2004 (Reyes)/ S.3070 (Sepulveda)	Directs the State Civil Service Commission to conduct a study on the current civil service examination process to identify the existing resources available to applicants and provide recommendations on how to improve diversity in the public sector workforce. This study shall be completed and delivered to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Temporary President of the Senate on or before 270 days after the effective date.	Chapter 624
A.2439 (Aubry)/ S.4746 (Parker)	Directs the State Civil Service Commission to study and publish annual reports relating to diversity within the state workforce and to furnish the chairs of the Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and the Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Employees with such report each year.	Chapter 615
A.3213-A (Rodriguez)/ S.5395-A (Savino)	Provides for the automatic enrollment in the New York State Secure Choice Savings Program of employees of businesses that have at all times employed at least ten people throughout the previous calendar year and have been in business for at least two years. Prohibits employers that participate in other retirement plans from terminating such plans in order to participate in Secure Choice.	Chapter 452
A.3354-B (Fall)/ S.2588-A (Gounardes)	Grants public and private employees a paid leave of absence of up to four hours for each COVID-19 vaccine injection. Provides that employees shall be able to receive a greater number of hours pursuant to a collectively bargained agreement or as authorized by the employer and that an employee shall not be retaliated against by an employer for taking leave to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.	Chapter 77
A.3476 (Abbate)/ S.2934 (Kamisky)	Adds the titles of police medic, police medic supervisor, and member who performs police medic related services to the Retirement and Social Security law to reflect nomenclature changes made by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.	Chapter 245

A.3988 (Abbate)/ S.4681 (Gounardes)	Extends the sunset date of the COVID-19 accidental death benefit established in Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2020 to permit the beneficiaries of a public employee who worked in-person on or after March 1, 2020, contracted COVID-19 and died due to such diagnosis on or before December 31, 2022, to be eligible for the COVID-19 accidental death benefit.	Chapter 78
A.4059 (Abbate)/ S.4308 (Gounardes)	Allows retired members of the State University of New York Optional Retirement Plan and the City University of New York Optional Retirement plan to make automatic contributions to their employee organization.	Chapter 669
A.4060 (Abbate)/ S.4897 (Gounardes)	Authorizes the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Superior Officers Benevolent Association to elect into binding arbitration with Metropolitan Transportation Authority public employers within ninety days of enactment.	Chapter 815
A.4063-A (Abbate)/ S.4201-A (Savino)	Prohibits public employers from dismissing or taking other disciplinary action against a public employee related to the use of any leave to quarantine, seek medical treatment, or engage in other acts related to a COVID-19 diagnosis or contact.	Chapter 214
A.4077 (Abbate)/ S.3537 (Kennedy)	Requires the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Capital District Transportation Authority, and the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority and their respective public employee organizations to submit all unresolvable contract negotiations to binding arbitration.	Chapter 814
A.4125 (Abbate)/ S.4899 (Gounardes)	Would extend equal reduction in force and recall provisions to permanently appointed employees appointed to positions in the competitive, non-competitive, and labor jurisdictional classifications at all levels of state and local government.	Vetoed Memo.57
A.4392 (Abbate)/ S.6092 (Gounardes)	Would provide an accidental disability benefit of three-quarters of the final average salary minus worker's compensation to members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed as deputy sheriffs.	Vetoed Memo.70
A.4675 (Tague)/ S.4404 (Jordan)	Authorizes the County of Columbia to offer Theodore Blank, a member of the twenty-five-year retirement plan for sheriffs, undersheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and corrections officers of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed as a Columbia County deputy sheriff, service credit in an employer-elected twenty-year retirement plan.	Chapter 811

A.5108 (Abbate)/ S.5184 (Sanders)	Would prohibit public employers from diminishing the health insurance benefits of retired members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and retirees of the New York City Fire Department Pension Fund who were represented by the collective bargaining unit Local 854, I.A.F.F. and their beneficiaries.	Passed Assembly
A.5325 (Lupardo)/ S.4117 (Akshar)	Authorizes the Village of Endicott offer Jennifer Quinn, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as a police officer with such village, full service credit in a twenty-year retirement plan.	Chapter 530
A.5447 (Abbate)/ S.763 (Gounardes)	Allows individuals who have served as members of the armed forces of the United States to receive additional credits in civil service examinations for appointments and promotions, regardless of whether such persons served during a time of war.	Chapter 608
A.5577 (Byrnes)/ S.3594 (Gallivan)	Allows Shawn Coveny, a Tier VI member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, to elect into Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to May 31, 2008, upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 703
A.6062 (Abbate)/ S.4859 (Skoufis)	Would establish a twenty-five-year retirement plan for members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs as an airport firefighter apprentice, airport firefighter I, airport firefighter II, airport firefighter III, or training and safety officer.	Vetoed Memo.78
A.6096 (Abbate)/ S.6065 (Gounardes)	Extends statutory provisions of law that allow a public employee to petition the Public Employment Relations Board or the New York City Board of Collective Bargaining to receive injunctive relief for an improper practice charge from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2023.	Chapter 137
A.6383 (Burke)/ S.4401 (Gallivan)	Grants Jason M. Schiedel, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as captain of patrol by the Town of Orchard Park Police Department, retroactive service credit for the period employed as a part-time police officer with the Village of Gowanda from February 1995 to February 2003 in his current pension plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 532
A.6384-A (Abbate)/ S.4961-B (Gounardes)	Permits members of the New York State and Local Retirement System who participated in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery, or Cleanup operations as non-	Chapter 424

	members employed by a public employer within the State and subsequently purchased pension credits covering such period to be eligible for the World Trade Center presumption benefit.	
A.6457 (Abbate)/ S.4523 (Gounardes)	Would establish an optional twenty-year retirement plan for any regional state park police officer; university police officer; and non-seasonally appointed sworn member or officer of the division of law enforcement, police officer, or forest ranger employed by the Department of Environmental Conservation.	Vetoed Memo.77
A.6461-A (Abbate)/ S.4233-A (Gounardes)	Provides members of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as firefighters with the presumption that any disability or death related to Parkinson’s Disease is the proximate result of an accident not caused by the firefighter’s own negligence and sustained in the performance of duty, thereby making them or their beneficiaries eligible for accidental disability retirement or accidental death benefits.	Chapter 704
A.6492 (Abbate)/ S.3100 (Kaplan)	Provides a performance of duty disability retirement benefit equal to fifty percent of the final average salary for Tiers III, IV, V, and VI members of the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System in the titles of police medic, police medic supervisor, police medic coordinator, bureau director emergency ambulance, and deputy bureau director emergency ambulance employed by Nassau County.	Chapter 528
A.6500 (Abbate)/ S.3101 (Kaplan)	Provides a performance of duty disability retirement benefit equal to fifty percent of the final average salary for Tiers III, IV, V, and VI members of the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System in the titles of chief fire marshal, assistant chief fire marshal, division supervising fire marshal, supervising fire marshal, fire marshal, and fire marshal trainee employed by Nassau County.	Chapter 524
A.6511 (Abbate)/ S.3759 (Kaplan)	Modifies the in-service death benefit of Tiers III, IV, V, and VI retirement-eligible members of the New York State and Local Retirement System in the title of deputy sheriff employed by Nassau County to be equal to the pension reserve that would have been established had the member retired on the date of his or her death, or the value of the death benefit and the reserve-for-increased-take-home-pay, if any, whichever is greater.	Chapter 529
A.6547-A (Abbate)/ S.7167 (Kaplan)	Provides members of the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System employed as a fire marshal, supervising fire marshal, division supervising	Chapter 714

	fire marshal, assistant chief fire marshal, chief fire marshal, or fire marshal trainee in Nassau County with the presumption that any impairment of health due to a disease of the heart resulting in disability or death was incurred in the performance of duty and the result of an accident, thereby making them eligible for a performance of duty benefit.	
A.6634 (Abbate)/ S.5630 (Gounardes)	Would allow court officers and peace officers of the Unified Court System who are Tier VI members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to retire with thirty years of creditable service at age fifty-five and reduce the normal retirement age for such court officers from sixty-three to sixty-two years of age.	Passed Assembly
A.6662 (Abbate)/ S.6569 (Mayer)	Extends the supplemental retirement benefit to New York State Teachers' Retirement System members who retired before July 1, 1980 and increases the minimum allowance for such members to \$550 per year of service, up to thirty-five years.	Chapter 541
A.6663 (Abbate)/ S.6512 (Gounardes)	Limits the maximum loan amount that Tier VI members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System who join the system on or after July 1, 2022 may borrow each year to be no greater than 50% of a member's total contribution, or \$50,000, whichever is less.	Chapter 370
A.6670 (Gunther)/ S.5691 (Griffo)	Allows David Goodman, a Tier VI member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, to elect into Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to November 24, 2009, upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 538
A.6725 (Cahill)/ S.4343 (Hinchev)	Authorizes Ulster County to offer Kyle Frano, Joseph Scitutto, and Emmett Vedder III, deputy sheriffs employed by such county, membership in an optional twenty-year retirement plan.	Chapter 531
A.6732 (Abbate)/ S.4408 (Skoufis)	Increases the performance of duty disability benefit to be equal to fifty percent of the final average salary, or seventy-five percent of the final average salary less worker's compensation, for members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs in the titles of airport firefighter apprentice, airport firefighter I, II, and III, and training and safety officer who sustain a disability related to heart disease, lung disease, and certain forms of cancer.	Chapter 533
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	village, who may elect to participate in such plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	
A.6873 (Abbate)/ S.6015 (Gounardes)	Would require that vacancies in the fire alarm dispatcher service in the position of supervising fire alarm dispatcher level II be filled through competitive promotional examination, with due weight given to seniority, previous training, experience, and performance reviews if available, and that any permanent competitive employee holding a provisional or discretionary appointment in such title shall be given the opportunity to participate in such examination.	Vetoed Memo.80
A.6934-A (Abbate)/ S.7009 (Savino)	Allows a member of a public retirement system to electronically submit a World Trade Center notice of participation through a secure online portal maintained by the member's retirement system.	Chapter 425
A.6936 (Abbate)/ S.4440 (Gounardes)	Modifies the in-service death benefit of Tiers III, IV, V, and VI retirement-eligible members of the New York State and Local Retirement System in the title of correction officer employed by Nassau County to be equal to the pension reserve that would have been established had the member retired on the date of his or her death, or the value of the death benefit and the reserve-for-increased-take-home-pay, if any, whichever is greater.	Chapter 534
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A.7181 (Conrad)/ S.6513 (Mannion)	Authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System to accept alternate methods of postal mail services and offer expanded options to members for submitting and filing retirement system forms and applications.	Chapter 329
A.7182 (Buttenschon)/ S.6618 (Gounardes)	Provides that the post-retirement ordinary death benefits of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System who joined the retirement system at an age	Chapter 376

	greater than sixty and died during their third year of retirement shall not be reduced below ten per centum of the benefit in force at the time of retirement.	
A.7184 (Burke)	Would allow a retired member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System who returns to public service and suspends their retirement allowance to combine service credit earned prior to retirement with service credit earned after returning to service, thereby receiving a recalculated final retirement allowance, provided the member has earned at least two years of service credit since returning to work.	Passed Assembly
A.7204 (Abbate)/ S.5728-A (Gounardes)	Provides that for deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2021, the beneficiaries of deceased members of the New York City Teachers' Retirement System will no longer be permitted to establish tax-deferred accounts through the tax-deferred annuity program.	Chapter 357
A.7223-A (Epstein)/ S.6276-A (Mannion)	Directs the President of the Civil Service Commission to conduct a study on the employment of persons and veterans with disabilities employed by the state.	Chapter 710
A.7342 (Abbate)/ S.6710 (Gaughran)	Provides sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, under-sheriffs, and correction officers employed by Nassau County with performance of duty benefits when the disability is the result of an intentional or reckless act of a civilian who is visiting or present in an institution under the jurisdiction of such county.	Chapter 542
A.7366-A (Abbate)/ S.7121 (Brooks)	Creates the honorary title of "first responder in communications" to apply to any individual who is a public safety dispatcher, emergency responder, emergency operator, emergency complaint operator or emergency services dispatcher, and provides that employers of a first responder in communications shall, to the greatest extent practicable, provide training to maintain and enhance the knowledge, skills and proficiency of such employee.	Chapter 426
A.7444 (Abbate)/ S.7169 (Reichlin-Melnick)	Authorizes the Town of Orangetown to offer participation in a special twenty-year retirement plan to Patrick J. Casey, Elizabeth M. Muckell, and Keith E. Trojan, employed as police officers with such town, who may elect to participate in such plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 544
A.7464 (Abbate)/ S.6690 (Gounardes)	Deems membership in the New York City Teachers' Retirement System to be mandatory for certain paraprofessionals in the title of teacher aide, educational assistant, educational associate, auxiliary trainer, bilingual professional assistant, family worker, family assistant, family associate, and parent program assistant.	Chapter 525

A.7465 (Cruz)/ S.2057 (Sepulveda)	Directs the State Civil Service Department and local municipal commissions to promote each competitive examination issued by the department or commission. Also directs the State Civil Service Department to offer exams at any location or locations that it deems suitable and to make efforts to use SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers when selecting testing sites.	Chapter 401
A.7620 (Stern)/ S.6796 (Brooks)	Modifies the in-service death benefit of Tiers III, IV, V, and VI retirement-eligible members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System in the title of deputy sheriff employed by Suffolk County to be equal to the pension reserve that would have been established had the member retired on the date of his or her death, or the death benefit plus the reserve-for-increased-take-home-pay, if any, whichever is greater.	Chapter 543
A.7627 (DiPietro)/ S.6336 (Gallivan)	Authorizes the Village of Perry to offer Blake Russell, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System employed as a police officer in such village, membership in an optional twenty-year retirement plan.	Chapter 539
A.7640 (Abbate)/ S.6405 (Gounardes)	Provides that the salary base of members of the New York City Fire Department Pension Fund who commenced employment with the New York City Fire Department on or after July 1, 2000, shall be determined in the same manner as members of the pension fund who commenced employment before such date.	Chapter 540
A.7642 (Steck)/ S.7238 (Tedisco)	Would authorize the town of Niskayuna to offer John F. Connor, Jeffrey A. Relation, Joseph H. Twitty and Paul J. Daly, police officers employed by such town, membership in an optional retirement plan.	Passed Assembly
A.7727 (Abbate)/ S.6976 (Gounardes)	Would remove the requirement that a member of the New York City Employees' Retirement System employed by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority as a bridge and tunnel officer, sergeant, or lieutenant in a non-managerial position reach age fifty to be eligible for retirement, permitting such members to retire upon completing twenty years of credited service.	Vetoed Memo.88
A.7792 (Stirpe)/ S.7022 (May)	Would grant Michael Aregano, a police officer employed by the town of Cicero and a Tier II member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System, service credit for the period beginning July 29, 2000, until December 22, 2000, during which time he was enrolled at the Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Law Enforcement Training Academy.	Passed Assembly
A.7793 (DeStefano)/ S.6822 (Palumbo)	Grants Kevin Moriarty, a Tier VI member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System employed by	Chapter 817

	the University of Stony Brook, membership in Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to July 1, 1998, upon filing a request with the head of the retirement system.	
A.7817 (Abbate)/ S.6972 (Gounardes)	Would provide members of the New York City Employees' Retirement System employed by the Transit Authority with the presumption that any disability or death caused by diseases of the lungs was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty, provided that the member successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such service or subsequent thereto.	Vetoed Memo.87
A.7880-A (Miller B.)/ S.7154 (Skoufis)	Authorizes Gina Kehoe, a part-time police officer in the Town of Montgomery, to take the competitive civil service examination for appointment as a full-time police officer in the Town of Montgomery Police Department.	Chapter 388
A.7905 (Abbate)/ S.4441 (Gounardes)	Modifies the in-service death benefit of retirement-eligible Tiers III, IV, V and VI members of the New York State and Local Retirement System employed as correction officers by Suffolk County to be a lump sum equal to the pension reserve that would have been established had the member retired on the date of his or her death, or the value of the death benefit and the reserve-for-increased-take-home-pay, if any, whichever is greater.	Chapter 535
A.7920 (Hawley)/ S.6585 (Rath)	Grants Brian Zielinski, a Tier V member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, membership in Tier IV of such retirement system by changing his date of membership to June 11, 2005, upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 816
A.7935 (Abbate)/ S.7100 (Gounardes)	Extends the deadline by which New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) employers must implement a plan to further reduce the number of excess provisional appointments to December 31, 2023. Extends the deadline by which DCAS employers must submit a progress report on the number of provisional appointments that have been reduced and the number of provisional appointments remaining to the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Temporary President of the Senate and the Mayor of New York City to December 31, 2022. Authorizes an increase in the percentage goal for substantial compliance to 6.5% and provides that DCAS employers shall not administer more than one Qualified Incumbent Exam per title.	Chapter 386

A.7958 (Abbate)/ S.7159 (Gouardes)	Extends for two fiscal years the current 7% per annum statutory rate of interest used by the Chief Actuary for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System, Board of Education Retirement System, Police Pension Fund and Fire Department Pension Fund in valuing retirement system liabilities for the purpose of computing the amount of employer contributions to those systems. Extends for two fiscal years the current rates of special interest, additional interest and supplementary interest, which govern the amount of interest to be paid into certain constituent funds of the City retirement systems, and the amount of interest to be credited on accumulated member contributions and increased-take-home-pay reserves of Tier I and Tier II members of those retirement systems.	Chapter 391
A.7964 (Simpson)/ S.5544 (Stec)	Allows Jaime Laczko, a member of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System employed as a forest ranger with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to elect to participate in an optional twenty-five-year retirement plan upon filing a request with the State Comptroller.	Chapter 708
A.8012 (Meeks)/ S.7187 (Cooney)	Authorizes payment of the remaining annual compensation of late Member of the Assembly David F. Gantt, who died on July 1, 2020, to his surviving children.	Chapter 685
A.8026 (Peoples-Stokes)/ S.7209 (Kennedy)	Allows Cariol Horne, a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System, to retire with full service benefits with a retroactive date of retirement of August 5, 2010, and receive the retirement benefits she would have received had she retired on such date, upon filing with the retirement system.	Chapter 800
A.8036 (Abbate)/ S.7232 (Jackson)	Implements the terms of a collective bargaining agreement reached with the collective negotiating unit designated as the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Unit.	Chapter 150