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H. F. No. **2585**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; transferring 911
1.3 telecommunicators from the general employees retirement plan to the local
1.4 government correctional plan and transferring eligible service credit; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 353E.02, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 353E.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Retirement coverage.** The members of the local government correctional
1.9 service retirement plan established by this chapter are:

1.10 (1) local government correctional service employees as defined in subdivision 2; ~~and~~

1.11 (2) medical center protection officers as defined in subdivision 2a; and

1.12 (3) 911 telecommunicators as defined in subdivision 2b.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 353E.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.14 read:

1.15 Subd. 2b. **911 telecommunicators.** (a) A 911 telecommunicator, for the purposes of
1.16 subdivision 1, is a person whom the employer certifies:

1.17 (1) is employed as a 911 telecommunicator as defined under section 403.02, subdivision
1.18 17c; and

1.19 (2) is a "public employee" as defined in section 353.01, but is not a member of the public
1.20 employees police and fire plan.

(b) The certification required under paragraph (a) must be made in writing on a form prescribed by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

(c) Allowable service in the general employees retirement plan credited to a 911 telecommunicator before July 1, 2022, remains in the general employees retirement plan unless transferred under section 3.

Sec. 3. **REQUIRING THE TRANSFER OF ALLOWABLE SERVICE FOR 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. The following terms as used in this section have the meanings given in this subdivision:

(1) "Correctional plan" means the public employees local government correctional service retirement plan.

(2) "Employer" means a governmental subdivision, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.01, subdivision 6, that on the effective date employs an eligible 911 telecommunicator under subdivision 3.

(3) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

(4) "General plan" means the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Subd. 2. Transfer of allowable service credit authorized. The executive director shall, for each eligible 911 telecommunicator defined in subdivision 3, transfer eligible service credit, defined under subdivision 4, from the general plan to the correctional plan. The transfer of eligible service credit must occur within 90 days following the effective date.

Subd. 3. Eligible 911 telecommunicator. A person is an eligible 911 telecommunicator if on the effective date the person is a 911 telecommunicator under Minnesota Statutes, section 353E.02, subdivision 2b.

Subd. 4. Eligible service credit. (a) Eligible service credit is allowable service in the general plan that was credited:

(1) to the 911 telecommunicator before the effective date;

(2) for employment with the 911 telecommunicator's employer; and

(3) for employment as a 911 telecommunicator as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 403.02, subdivision 17c.

(b) Within 30 days following the effective date, for each eligible 911 telecommunicator the employer must certify eligible service credit to the executive director. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the executive director.

Subd. 5. Transfer of assets. For each eligible 911 telecommunicator, the executive director shall transfer assets from the general employees retirement fund to the public employees local government correctional service retirement fund. The amount of the assets transferred for each 911 telecommunicator must be equal to the greater of:

(1) the 911 telecommunicator's employee and employer contributions to the general plan for the period of eligible service credit plus interest at the applicable annual rate or rates under Minnesota Statutes, section 356.59, subdivision 3, from the date the contributions were made to the date of the transfer; or

(2) the amount of the reduction in the actuarial present value of the benefit payable from the general plan because of the transfer of eligible service credit.

Subd. 6. Additional employer contribution. (a) The employer of each eligible 911 telecommunicator shall contribute on behalf of the 911 telecommunicator to the public employees local government correctional service retirement fund the amount described under paragraph (b).

(b) For each eligible 911 telecommunicator, the executive director shall calculate an amount equal to the actuarial accrued liability in the correctional plan attributable to the transfer of eligible service credit less the amount of the assets transferred under subdivision 5.

(c) The executive director shall notify the employer of the amount under paragraph (b) within 60 days following the effective date. The employer shall contribute the amount under paragraph (b) within 30 days following receipt of the notice.

Subd. 7. Notice. Within 90 days following the effective date, the executive director shall notify each eligible 911 telecommunicator of the transfer of service credit provided in this section.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2022.