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Introduced by M. of A. RAIA -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Governmental Employees

AN ACT authorizing the beneficiary of Robert Carballeira to receive an  
enhanced pension benefit on his behalf

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY,  
DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Notwithstanding section 101 of the retirement and social  
2 security law, the beneficiary of Robert Carballeira, who was a member of  
3 the New York state and local employees' retirement system and employed  
4 by the county of Suffolk, now deceased, shall be entitled to a benefit  
5 based on the total service credit to which he was entitled at the time  
6 of his earlier retirement on August 30, 1997 including all credit  
7 received pursuant to chapter 41 of the laws of 1997, in addition with  
8 all member service credit earned by him subsequent to his last restoration  
9 to membership on March 1, 2003, if, on or before December 31, 2015,  
10 such beneficiary shall file an application therefor with the state comptroller.  
11 Such total service credit to which he was entitled at the time  
12 of his earlier retirement shall be so credited without requiring such  
13 member to return to the retirement system with regular interest the  
14 actuarial equivalent of the amount of the retirement allowance he  
15 received, and the actuarial equivalent thereof shall not be deducted  
16 from his subsequent retirement allowance. Such benefit will be recalculated  
17 as of January 15, 2008. In addition to the recalculated benefit  
18 that the beneficiary will receive for her lifetime, retroactive to the  
19 pensioner's date of death, the beneficiary will receive a retroactive  
20 payment based on the difference between the recalculated benefit and the  
21 benefit which was paid to Robert Carballeira prior to his death.

22     S 2. All costs of implementing the provisions of this act shall be  
23 borne by the county of Suffolk.

24     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.-- Pursuant to Legislative Law, Section 50:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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This bill would authorize the beneficiary of Robert Carballeira to receive an enhanced pension benefit. Mr. Carballeira retired August 30, 1997 under the retirement incentive authorized by chapter 41 of the laws of 1997. He restored to membership in 2003 and subsequently retired on January 15, 2008. This bill would provide an enhanced pension based on all service credit earned, including the retirement incentive credit, without requiring that the retirement allowance that was paid be returned to the retirement system.

If this bill is enacted, there will be an immediate past service cost of approximately \$364,000 which will be borne by Suffolk County as a one-time payment. This estimate is based on the assumption that payment will be made on February 1, 2016.

Summary of relevant resources:

The membership data used in measuring the impact of the proposed change was the same as that used in the March 31, 2014 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2014 Report of the Actuary and the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, and the Codes Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control.

The Market Assets and GASB Disclosures are found in the March 31, 2014 New York State and Local Retirement System Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

This estimate, dated January 28, 2015, and intended for use only during the 2015 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2015-45 prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System.