STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 27, 2026

Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT granting retroactive membership in the New York state and local police and fire retirement system to Cansu Zaim

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, Cansu Zaim, currently a member of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system, who was employed by the New York state legislature on January 3, 2012 who, for reasons not ascribable to her own negligence, failed to become a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system during her employment with the New York state legislature, shall be deemed to have joined the New York state and local police and fire retirement system on the date January 3, 2012 and shall be granted Tier V status in such retirement system, if within one year of the effective date of this act, she shall file a written request with the state comptroller to such effect.

§ 2. No contributions made to the New York state and local police and fire retirement system by Cansu Zaim shall be returned or refunded to her pursuant to this act.

§ 3. All past service costs associated with the implementation of this act shall be borne by the state of New York.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

This bill would grant Tier 5 status in the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System to Cansu Zaim, a current Tier 6 member employed by the Division of State Police, by changing their date of membership to January 3, 2012, their first date of employment with the New York state legislature. There will be no refund of member contributions.

We estimate that the state of New York's annual contributions will increase $7,200 beginning FYE 2027. Annual costs will vary as the billing rates and salary of Cansu Zaim change.

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

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In addition, there will be an immediate past service cost of $2,890 borne by the state of New York as a one-time payment. This cost assumes that payment will be made on March 1, 2027.

Summary of relevant resources:

Membership data as of March 31, 2025 was used to measure the impact of the bill, the same data used in the Actuarial Valuations dated April 1, 2025. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2025 Report of the Actuary and the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2025 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, and the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control. The fair value of assets and GASB disclosures can be found in the 2025 Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

Assumptions, demographics, and other considerations may have been modified to better reflect specific provisions of any proposed benefit change(s).

This fiscal note does not constitute a legal opinion on the viability of the bill, nor is it intended to serve as a substitute for the professional judgment of an attorney.

This estimate, dated May 27, 2026, and intended for use only during the 2026 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note Number 2026-207. As Chief Actuary of the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS), I, Aaron Schottin Young, hereby certify that this analysis complies with applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice as well as the Code of Professional Conduct and Qualification Standards for Actuaries Issuing Statements of Actuarial Opinion of the American Academy of Actuaries, of which I am a member. I am a member of NYSLRS but do not believe it impairs my objectivity.