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

AN ACT prohibiting public employers from diminishing the health insurance benefits and contributions of retired public employees in the New York state and local employees' retirement system

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

- 1     Section 1. On and after the effective date of this act, a public  
2 employer shall be prohibited from diminishing the health insurance bene-  
3 fits provided to public employee retirees and their dependents or the  
4 contributions such employer makes for such health insurance coverage  
5 below the level of such benefits or contributions made on behalf of such  
6 retirees and their dependents by such employer unless a corresponding  
7 diminution of benefits or contributions is effected from the level of  
8 benefits or contributions provided to a corresponding group of active  
9 employees for such retirees.
- 10    S 2. For purposes of this act, "public employee retirees and their  
11 dependents" shall mean retired members and dependents of the New York  
12 state and local employees' retirement system.
- 13    S 3. For purposes of this act, "public employer" shall mean the  
14 following: (i) the state; (ii) a county, city, town or village; (iii)  
15 any governmental entity operating a college or university; (iv) a public  
16 improvement or special district; (v) a public authority, commission or  
17 public benefit corporation; or (vi) any other public corporation, agen-  
18 cy, instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental  
19 power under the laws of this state.
- 20    S 4. Nothing contained in this act shall supersede or diminish the  
21 terms of a collective bargaining agreement.
- 22    S 5. Nothing contained in this act shall require a public employer  
23 which does not provide health insurance benefits to retirees and their  
24 dependents as of the effective date of this act to offer such benefits.
- 25    S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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