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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. ROBACH -- (at request of the Governor)
 -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to
 the Committee on Rules

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE -- (at request of the
 Governor) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to compensation,
 benefits and other terms and conditions of employment of certain state
 officers and employees; to implement agreements between the state and
 an employee organization; making an appropriation for the purpose of
 effectuating certain provisions thereof; and to repeal certain
 provisions of the civil service law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of paragraph c of subdivision 1
 2 of section 130 of the civil service law are REPEALED and two new subpar-
 3 agraphs 1 and 2 are added to read as follows:

4 (1) EFFECTIVE APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 5 ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAYROLL AND EFFECTIVE MARCH TWENTY-FIFTH, TWO
 6 THOUSAND TEN FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ON THE INSTITUTIONAL PAYROLL:

PEF SALARY SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2010 (ADMIN)

EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2010 (INST)

		HIRING	JOB	ADVANCE	JOB RATE
	SG	RATE	RATE	AMOUNT	ADVANCE
12	1	\$21,115	\$27,249	\$877	\$877
13	2	\$21,916	\$28,343	\$919	\$919
14	3	\$22,988	\$29,730	\$964	\$964
15	4	\$24,020	\$31,115	\$1,011	\$1,033
16	5	\$25,158	\$32,602	\$1,064	\$1,064
17	6	\$26,506	\$34,317	\$1,116	\$1,116
18	7	\$27,994	\$36,173	\$1,162	\$1,212
19	8	\$29,535	\$38,089	\$1,203	\$1,339
20	9	\$31,181	\$40,136	\$1,247	\$1,477

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

1	10	\$32,950	\$42,368	\$1,302	\$1,610
2	11	\$34,838	\$44,762	\$1,387	\$1,608
3	12	\$36,791	\$47,138	\$1,434	\$1,745
4	13	\$38,934	\$49,821	\$1,491	\$1,941
5	14	\$41,170	\$52,552	\$1,594	\$1,824
6	15	\$43,500	\$55,455	\$1,652	\$2,045
7	16	\$45,940	\$58,468	\$1,715	\$2,238
8	17	\$48,518	\$61,763	\$1,797	\$2,466
9	18	\$51,268	\$65,190	\$1,761	\$3,362
10	19	\$54,045	\$68,637	\$1,834	\$3,594
11	20	\$56,813	\$72,076	\$1,910	\$3,803
12	21	\$59,825	\$75,862	\$1,994	\$4,074
13	22	\$63,041	\$79,819	\$2,078	\$4,316
14	23	\$66,375	\$83,954	\$2,164	\$4,599
15	24	\$69,911	\$88,256	\$2,247	\$4,865
16	25	\$73,768	\$92,974	\$2,343	\$5,150
17	26	\$77,654	\$95,718	\$2,438	\$3,438
18	27	\$81,856	\$100,822	\$2,567	\$3,567
19	28	\$86,168	\$105,829	\$2,666	\$3,666
20	29	\$90,684	\$111,064	\$2,769	\$3,769
21	30	\$95,423	\$116,516	\$2,871	\$3,871
22	31	\$100,510	\$122,354	\$2,978	\$3,978
23	32	\$105,853	\$128,400	\$3,079	\$4,079
24	33	\$111,611	\$134,868	\$3,180	\$4,180
25	34	\$117,556	\$141,585	\$3,290	\$4,290
26	35	\$123,651	\$148,421	\$3,396	\$4,396
27	36	\$129,866	\$155,451	\$3,513	\$4,513
28	37	\$136,681	\$163,033	\$3,622	\$4,622
29	38	\$127,518			

30 (2) EFFECTIVE MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR OFFICERS
 31 AND EMPLOYEES ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAYROLL AND EFFECTIVE APRIL THREE,
 32 TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ON THE INSTITUTIONAL
 33 PAYROLL:

34 PEF SALARY SCHEDULE

35 EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2014 (ADMIN)

36 EFFECTIVE APRIL 3, 2014 (INST)

37		HIRING	JOB	ADVANCE	JOB RATE
38	SG	RATE	RATE	AMOUNT	ADVANCE
39	1	\$21,537	\$27,795	\$894	\$895
40	2	\$22,354	\$28,913	\$937	\$940
41	3	\$23,448	\$30,323	\$983	\$981
42	4	\$24,500	\$31,735	\$1,031	\$1,051
43	5	\$25,661	\$33,253	\$1,085	\$1,084
44	6	\$27,036	\$35,005	\$1,139	\$1,141
45	7	\$28,554	\$36,899	\$1,185	\$1,239
46	8	\$30,126	\$38,848	\$1,227	\$1,363
47	9	\$31,805	\$40,936	\$1,272	\$1,504
48	10	\$33,609	\$43,212	\$1,328	\$1,639
49	11	\$35,535	\$45,660	\$1,414	\$1,642
50	12	\$37,527	\$48,078	\$1,463	\$1,777
51	13	\$39,713	\$50,814	\$1,521	\$1,977
52	14	\$41,993	\$53,606	\$1,625	\$1,863
53	15	\$44,370	\$56,567	\$1,685	\$2,089
54	16	\$46,859	\$59,638	\$1,750	\$2,284
55	17	\$49,488	\$63,001	\$1,833	\$2,518
56	18	\$52,293	\$66,494	\$1,796	\$3,429

1	19	\$55,126	\$70,013	\$1,870	\$3,668
2	20	\$57,949	\$73,519	\$1,949	\$3,881
3	21	\$61,022	\$77,376	\$2,034	\$4,152
4	22	\$64,302	\$81,415	\$2,119	\$4,401
5	23	\$67,703	\$85,635	\$2,207	\$4,693
6	24	\$71,309	\$90,020	\$2,292	\$4,961
7	25	\$75,243	\$94,834	\$2,390	\$5,254
8	26	\$79,207	\$97,632	\$2,487	\$3,507
9	27	\$83,493	\$102,838	\$2,618	\$3,638
10	28	\$87,891	\$107,946	\$2,720	\$3,740
11	29	\$92,498	\$113,285	\$2,824	\$3,844
12	30	\$97,331	\$118,846	\$2,928	\$3,948
13	31	\$102,520	\$124,801	\$3,038	\$4,058
14	32	\$107,970	\$130,968	\$3,140	\$4,160
15	33	\$113,843	\$137,565	\$3,244	\$4,264
16	34	\$119,907	\$144,417	\$3,356	\$4,376
17	35	\$126,124	\$151,389	\$3,464	\$4,484
18	36	\$132,463	\$158,561	\$3,583	\$4,603
19	37	\$139,415	\$166,294	\$3,695	\$4,715
20	38	\$130,068			

21 S 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 6 of section 131 of the civil
22 service law is REPEALED.

23 S 3. Compensation for certain state officers and employees in collec-
24 tive negotiating units. 1. The provisions of this section shall apply
25 to full-time officers and employees in the collective negotiating unit
26 designated as the professional, scientific and technical services unit
27 established pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law.

28 2. Effective March 27, 2014 for officers and employees on the adminis-
29 trative payroll and effective April 3, 2014 for officers and employees
30 on the institutional payroll, the basic annual salary of officers and
31 employees in full-time employment status on the day before such payroll
32 period shall be increased by two percent adjusted to the nearest whole
33 dollar amount.

34 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this section,
35 if the basic annual salary of an officer or employee to whom the
36 provisions of this section apply is identical with the hiring rate or
37 the job rate of the salary grade of his or her position on the effective
38 date of the increase provided in this subdivision, such basic annual
39 salary shall be increased to the hiring rate or job rate, respectively,
40 of such salary grade as contained in the appropriate salary schedule in
41 subparagraph 2 of paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 130 of the
42 civil service law, as added by section one of this act, to take effect
43 on the dates provided in subparagraph 2. Except as herein provided to
44 the contrary, the increase in basic annual salary provided by this
45 subdivision shall be in lieu of any increase in basic annual salary
46 provided for in subdivision two of this section.

47 4. Payments pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 6 of section 131
48 of the civil service law for annual salaried officers and employees
49 entitled to such payments to whom the provisions of this section apply
50 shall be payable in accordance with the terms of an agreement reached
51 pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law between the state and an
52 employee organization representing employees subject to the provisions
53 of this section.

54 5. If an unencumbered position is one which if encumbered, would be
55 subject to the provisions of this section, the salary of such position
56 shall be increased by the salary increase amounts specified in this

1 section. If a position is created, and filled by the appointment of an
2 officer or employee who is subject to the provisions of this section,
3 the salary otherwise provided for such position shall be increased in
4 the same manner as though such position had been in existence but unen-
5 cumbered. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the director
6 of the budget may reduce the salary of any such position which is or
7 becomes vacant.

8 6. The increase in salary provided in subdivision two of this section
9 shall apply on a prorated basis to officers and employees, otherwise
10 eligible to receive an increase in salary, who are paid on an hourly or
11 per diem basis, employees serving on a part-time or seasonal basis, and
12 employees paid on any basis other than at an annual salary rate.
13 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of subdivision three and
14 four of this section shall not apply to employees serving on an hourly,
15 per diem, or seasonal basis, except as determined by the director of the
16 budget.

17 7. In order to provide for the officers and employees to whom this
18 section applies but are not allocated to salary grades, but are paid on
19 an annual basis, increases and payments pursuant to subdivisions 4 and
20 11 of this section in proportion to those provided to persons to whom
21 this section applies who are allocated to salary grades, the director of
22 the budget is authorized to add appropriate adjustments and/or payments
23 to the compensation which such officers and employees are otherwise
24 entitled to receive. The director of the budget shall issue certificates
25 which shall contain schedules of positions and the salaries and/or
26 payments thereof for which adjustments and/or payments are made pursuant
27 to the provisions of this subdivision, and a copy of each such certifi-
28 cate shall be filed with the state comptroller, the department of civil
29 service, the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the
30 assembly ways and means committee.

31 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the provisions
32 of this section shall not apply to officers or employees paid on a fee
33 schedule basis, provided however, that the increase in basic annual
34 salary provided for in subdivision two of this section shall apply to
35 fire instructors paid on a fee schedule basis employed by the division
36 of homeland security and emergency services.

37 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, except subdi-
38 vision one, any increase in compensation for any officer or employee
39 appointed to a lower graded position from a redeployment list pursuant
40 to subdivision 1 of section 79 of the civil service law who continues to
41 receive his or her former salary pursuant to such subdivision shall be
42 determined on the basis of such lower graded position provided, however,
43 that the increase in salary provided in this section shall not cause
44 such officer's or employee's salary to exceed the job rate of such lower
45 graded position.

46 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any law to
47 the contrary, any increase in compensation may be withheld in whole or
48 in part from any employee to whom the provisions of this section are
49 applicable when, in the opinion of the director of the budget and the
50 director of employee relations, such increase is not warranted or is not
51 appropriate for any reason.

52 11. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, offi-
53 cers and employees to whom the provisions of this section apply shall
54 receive performance awards in accordance with the terms of a collective-
55 ly negotiated agreement between the state and the employee organization
56 representing such employees entered into pursuant to article 14 of the

1 civil service law, effective for the period commencing April 2, 2011 and
2 ending April 1, 2015, in accordance with the rules and regulations
3 issued by the director of the budget to implement payment of such nego-
4 tiated performance awards.

5 S 4. Location compensation for certain state officers and employees.
6 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of law, officers and employ-
7 ees, including seasonal officers and employees who shall receive the
8 compensation provided for pursuant to this section on a pro-rated basis
9 except part-time officers and employees, in the collective negotiating
10 unit designated as the professional, scientific and technical services
11 unit established pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law, whose
12 principal place of employment or, in the case of a field employee, whose
13 official station as determined in accordance with the regulations of the
14 comptroller, is located: 1. in the county of Monroe and who were eligi-
15 ble to receive location pay on March 31, 1985, shall receive location
16 pay at the rate of two hundred dollars per year provided they continue
17 to be otherwise eligible; or 2. in the city of New York, or in the coun-
18 ty of Rockland, Westchester, Nassau or Suffolk shall continue to receive
19 a downstate adjustment at the annual rate of three thousand twenty-six
20 dollars effective April 1, 2011; or 3. in the county of Dutchess, Putnam
21 or Orange shall continue to receive a mid-Hudson adjustment at the annu-
22 al rate of one thousand five hundred thirteen dollars effective April 1,
23 2011. Such location payments shall be in addition to and shall not be a
24 part of an officer's or employee's basic annual salary, and shall not
25 affect or impair any performance advancements or other rights or bene-
26 fits to which an officer or employee may be entitled by law, provided,
27 however, that location payments shall be included as compensation for
28 purposes of computation of overtime pay and for retirement purposes. For
29 the sole purpose of continuing eligibility for location pay in Monroe
30 county, an officer or employee previously eligible to receive location
31 pay on March 31, 1985 who is on an approved leave of absence or partic-
32 ipates in an employer program to reduce to part-time service during
33 summer months shall continue to be eligible for said location pay upon
34 return to full-time state service in Monroe county.

35 S 5. Continuation of location compensation for certain officers and
36 employees of the Hudson Valley developmental disabilities services
37 office.

38 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any
39 officer or employee of the Hudson Valley developmental disabilities
40 services office represented in the collective negotiating unit desig-
41 nated as the professional, scientific and technical services unit, who
42 is receiving location pay pursuant to section 5 of chapter 174 of the
43 laws of 1993 shall continue to receive such location pay under the
44 conditions and at the rate specified by such section.

45 2. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any
46 officer or employee of the Hudson Valley developmental disabilities
47 services office represented in the collective negotiating unit desig-
48 nated as the professional, scientific and technical services unit, who
49 is receiving location pay pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 9 of
50 chapter 315 of the laws of 1995 shall continue to receive such location
51 pay under the conditions and at the rates specified by such subdivision.

52 3. Notwithstanding section four of this act or any other law, rule or
53 regulation to the contrary, any officer or employee of the Hudson Valley
54 developmental disabilities services office represented in the collective
55 negotiating unit designated as the professional, scientific and techni-
56 cal services unit, who is receiving location pay pursuant to section

1 four of this act shall continue to be eligible for such location pay if
2 as the result of a reduction or redeployment of staff, such officer or
3 employee is reassigned to or otherwise appointed or promoted to a
4 different position at another work location within the Hudson Valley
5 developmental disabilities services office. The rate of such continued
6 location pay shall not exceed the rate such officer or employee is
7 receiving on the date of such reassignment, appointment or promotion.

8 S 6. Special assignment to duty pay. Notwithstanding any inconsistent
9 provisions of law, effective April 2, 2011, where and to the extent
10 that, an agreement between the state and an employee organization
11 entered into pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law so
12 provides, a special assignment to duty lump sum shall be paid each year
13 to an employee who is serving in a particular assignment deemed quali-
14 fied pursuant to such agreement. Such payment shall be in an amount
15 negotiated for those employees assigned to qualifying work assignments
16 and who work such assignments for the minimum periods of time in a year
17 provided in the negotiated agreement. Assignment to duty pay shall not
18 be paid in any year an employee does not meet the minimum period of time
19 in such qualifying assignment required by the agreement or upon cessa-
20 tion of the assignment to duty program on March 31, 2015 unless an
21 extension is negotiated by the parties. Such lump sum shall be consid-
22 ered salary only for final average salary retirement purposes.

23 S 7. Long term seasonal employees. Notwithstanding any inconsistent
24 provisions of law, effective April 2, 2011, where and to the extent
25 that, an agreement between the state and an employee organization
26 entered into pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law so
27 provides, a lump sum shall be paid each year to an employee who is serv-
28 ing in a qualifying long term seasonal position. Such payment shall be
29 in an amount negotiated and pursuant to negotiated qualifying criteria
30 and shall be considered salary only for final average salary retirement
31 purposes. Such benefit shall be available until March 31, 2015.

32 S 8. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of law, where and to
33 the extent that any agreement between the state and an employee organ-
34 ization entered into pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law so
35 provides on behalf of employees in the collective negotiating unit
36 designated as the professional, scientific and technical services unit
37 established pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law, the state
38 shall contribute an amount designated in such agreement and for the
39 period covered by such agreement to the accounts of such employees
40 enrolled for dependent care deductions pursuant to subdivision 7 of
41 section 201-a of the state finance law. Such amounts shall be from funds
42 appropriated in this act and shall not be part of basic annual salary
43 for overtime or retirement purposes.

44 S 9. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the appro-
45 priations contained in this act shall be available to the state for the
46 payment and publication of grievance and arbitration settlements and
47 awards pursuant to articles 33 and 34 of the collective negotiating
48 agreement between the state and the employee organization representing
49 the collective negotiating unit designated as the professional, scien-
50 tific and technical services unit established pursuant to article 14 of
51 the civil service law.

52 S 10. During the period April 2, 2011 through April 1, 2015, there
53 shall be a statewide labor-management committee continued and adminis-
54 tered pursuant to the terms of the agreement negotiated between the
55 state and an employee organization representing employees in the collec-
56 tive negotiating unit designated as the professional, scientific and

1 technical services unit established pursuant to article 14 of the civil
2 service law which shall after April 2, 2011, have the responsibility of
3 studying, making recommendations concerning the major issues of produc-
4 tivity, the quality of work life and implementing the agreements
5 reached.

6 S 11. Inconvenience pay program. Pursuant to chapter 333 of the laws
7 of 1969, as amended, and an agreement negotiated between the state and
8 an employee organization representing employees in the professional,
9 scientific and technical services unit established pursuant to article
10 14 of the civil service law, an eligible employee shall continue to be
11 paid five hundred seventy-five dollars per year for working four or more
12 hours between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. effective April 2,
13 2011.

14 S 12. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, effective
15 April 2, 2011, where and to the extent that an agreement between the
16 state and an employee organization so provides for a pilot program
17 concerning a firearms training and safety incentive for peace officers
18 in the professional, scientific and technical services bargaining unit,
19 a lump sum payment for such incentive shall be paid for each year of
20 such pilot program to any employee who is deemed qualified pursuant to
21 such agreement. Such payment shall be in an amount negotiated for those
22 employees who meet criteria established by such pilot program. Such
23 payment shall occur at the time prescribed by such pilot program or as
24 soon as practicable thereafter. Such lump sum payment shall not be paid
25 in any year an employee does not meet the qualifications and criteria of
26 such pilot program or upon cessation of such pilot program on April 1,
27 2015 unless an extension is negotiated by the parties. Such lump sum
28 payment shall be considered salary for overtime purposes.

29 S 13. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, effective
30 April 2, 2011, where and to the extent that an agreement between the
31 state and an employee organization entered into pursuant to article 14
32 of the civil service law so provides on behalf of certain employees in
33 the collective negotiating unit designated as the professional, scien-
34 tific and technical services unit, and where there exists a policy
35 requiring employees in the fire protection specialist title series at
36 the office of fire prevention and control to wear uniforms, a lump sum
37 uniform allowance shall be paid each year to covered employees in
38 accordance with the terms of such agreement and policy. Such payments
39 shall be in an amount negotiated for covered employees and shall not be
40 paid in any year where a policy does not exist requiring uniforms in
41 accordance with the terms of the agreement or where an employee is not
42 required to wear a uniform or receives a regular uniform service. Such
43 uniform allowance will cease to exist on April 1, 2015, unless an exten-
44 sion is negotiated by the parties. Such lump sum shall be considered
45 salary only for final average salary purposes.

46 S 14. The salary increases, salary deductions, salary reductions,
47 benefit modifications, and any other modifications to the terms and
48 conditions of employment provided for by this act for state employees in
49 the collective negotiating unit designated as the professional, scien-
50 tific and technical services unit established pursuant to article 14 of
51 the civil service law shall not be implemented until the director of
52 employee relations shall have delivered to the director of the budget
53 and the comptroller a letter certifying that there is in effect with
54 respect to such negotiating units collectively negotiated agreements,
55 ratified by the membership, which provide for such increases,

1 deductions, reductions and modifications and which are fully executed in
2 writing with the state pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law.

3 S 15. Use of appropriations. The comptroller is authorized to pay any
4 amounts required during the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2011 by the
5 foregoing provisions of this act for any state department or agency from
6 any appropriation or other funds available to such state department or
7 agency for personal service or for other related employee benefits
8 during such fiscal year. To the extent that such appropriations in any
9 fund are insufficient to accomplish the purposes herein set forth, the
10 director of the budget is authorized to allocate to the various depart-
11 ments and agencies, from any appropriations available in any fund, the
12 amounts necessary to pay such amounts.

13 S 16. Effect of participation in special annuity program. No officer
14 or employee participating in a special annuity program pursuant to the
15 provisions of article 8-c of the education law shall, by reason of an
16 increase in compensation pursuant to this act, suffer any reduction of
17 the salary adjustment to which he or she would otherwise be entitled by
18 reason of participation in such program, and such salary adjustment
19 shall be based upon the salary of such officer or employee without
20 regard to the reduction authorized by such article.

21 S 17. The several amounts as hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof
22 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from the fund so designated
23 for use by any state department or agency for the fiscal year beginning
24 April 1, 2011 to supplement appropriations from each respective fund
25 available for personal service, other than personal service and fringe
26 benefits, and to carry out the provisions of this act. Moreover, the
27 amounts appropriated as non-personal service may be suballocated to any
28 state department or agency as needed. No money shall be available for
29 expenditure from this appropriation until a certificate of approval has
30 been issued by the director of the budget and a copy of such certificate
31 or any amendment thereto has been filed with the state comptroller, the
32 chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assem-
33 bly ways and means committee.

34 ALL STATE DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES
35 SPECIAL PAY BILLS

36 General Fund / State Operations
37 State Purposes Account - 003

38 Nonpersonal Service

39	Professional development and quality of	
40	working life committee	1,060,000
41	Health and Safety	1,376,000
42	PSPT Program	4,008,000
43	Joint Funded Programs	1,961,000
44	Multi-Funded Programs	1,919,000
45	Professional Development for Nurses	500,000
46	Property Damage	41,000
47	Family Benefits	3,769,000
48	Employee Assistance Program	852,000
49	Joint Committee on Health Benefits	500,000
50	PEF IT	1,000,000
51	Contract administration	300,000

1 S 18. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
2 have been in full force and effect on and after April 2, 2011. Appropri-
3 ations made by this act shall remain in full force and effect for
4 liabilities incurred through March 31, 2013.

REPEAL NOTE.--Subparagraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of paragraph c of subdivi-
sion 1 of section 130 of the civil service law, repealed by section one
of this act, provided salary schedules for state employees in the
professional, scientific and technical services unit and are replaced by
revised salary schedules in new subparagraphs 1 and 2. Paragraph (d) of
subdivision 6 of section 131 of the civil service law, repealed by
section two of this act, provided employees holding positions allocated
to Grade 18 or below the ability to advance to a merit step above the
job rate in certain circumstances. The merit step was eliminated as of
April 1, 2010.