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Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to allow Jack Harb to join the optional twenty year retirement plan, county of Sullivan

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, the county of Sullivan, a participating employer in the New York state employees' retirement system, which previously elected to offer the optional twenty-five year retirement plan, established pursuant to article 14-B of the retirement and social security law, is hereby authorized to make participation in such plan available to Jack Harb, a deputy sheriff employed by the county of Sullivan, who, for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence failed to make a timely application to participate in such optional twenty-five year retirement plan. The county of Sullivan may so elect by filing with the state comptroller, on or before December 31, 2015, a resolution of its governing body together with certification that such deputy sheriff did not bar himself from participation in such retirement plan. Thereafter, Jack Harb, may elect to be covered by the provisions of section 551 of the retirement and social security law, and shall be entitled to the full rights and benefits associated with coverage under such section, by filing a request to that effect with the state comptroller on or before December 31, 2015.

S 2. All past service costs associated with implementing the provisions of this act shall be borne by the county of Sullivan and may be amortized over a period of five years.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.--This bill will allow Jack Harb, a deputy sheriff employed by Sullivan County, to elect to be covered by the 25 year

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

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retirement plan contained in Section 551 of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

If this bill is enacted and deputy sheriff Harb becomes covered under the provisions of Section 551, we anticipate that there will be an increase of approximately $2,260 in the annual contributions of Sullivan County for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. In future years, this cost will vary as the billing rates and salary of deputy sheriff Harb change.

In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there will be an immediate past service cost of approximately $1,650 which would be borne by Sullivan County as a one-time payment. This estimate is based on the assumption that payment will be made on February 1, 2016. If Sullivan County elects to amortize this cost over a 5 year period, the cost for the first year would be $380.

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 June 2, 2015, and intended for use only during the 2015 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2015-128, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System.