STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- 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 employees' retirement system to Shawn Coveny

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Shawn Coveny, an employee of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system, who was employed as a New York state park aide for Letchworth State Park as a seasonal employee in the summer of 2008, who for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence, failed to become a member of such retirement system during such employment by Letchworth State Park in 2008, shall be deemed to have joined the New York state and local employees' retirement system on the date May 31, 2008 and shall be granted Tier IV status in such retirement system, if, within one year of the effective date of this act, he shall file a written request with the state comptroller.

§ 2. No contributions made to the New York state and local employees' retirement system by Shawn Coveny shall be returned or refunded to him pursuant to this act.

§ 3. All past service costs of implementing the provisions 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 will grant retroactive Tier 4 status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Shawn Covney, a current Tier 6 member employed by the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, by changing his date of membership to May 31, 2008, his first date of employment with Letchworth State Park. There will be no refund of membership contributions.

If this bill is enacted during the 2018 legislative session, there will be an increase of approximately $3,900 in the annual contributions of the State of New York State for the fiscal year ending March 31,

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

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2019. In future years, this cost will vary as the billing rates and salary of Shawn Coveny change.

In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there will be an immediate past service cost of approximately $1,750 which will be borne by the State of New York as a one-time payment. This estimate is based on the assumption that payment will be made on March 1, 2019.

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, 2017 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2017 Report of the Actuary and the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 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, 2017 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 May 10, 2018, and intended for use only during the 2018 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2018-100, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Retirement System.