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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, HAMILTON, PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT in relation to affecting the health insurance benefits and contributions of certain retired public employees

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

Section 1. From May 1, 2008 until May 15, 2018, a public employer shall be prohibited from diminishing the health insurance benefits provided to retirees and their dependents or the contributions such employer makes for such health insurance coverage below the level of such benefits or contributions made on behalf of such retirees and their dependents by such employer unless a corresponding diminution of benefits or contributions is effected from the appropriate level as of May 1, 2008 during this period by such employer from the corresponding group of active employees for such retirees. For the purpose of this act, "public employer" shall mean the following: (i) the state; (ii) a county, city, town or village; (iii) a school district, board of cooperative educational services, vocational education and extension board or a school district as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 566 of the laws of 1967, as amended; (iv) any governmental entity operating a college or university; (v) a public improvement or special district; (vi) a public authority, commission or public benefit corporation; or (vii) any other public corporation, agency, instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental power under the laws of this state.

§ 2. Nothing contained in this act shall supersede or diminish the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after May 1, 2008.

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

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