STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 5, 2019

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

AN ACT in relation to granting Tier I status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Christine Verkey

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, Christine Verkey, who was an employee of the Newark central school district commencing in 1971 and was thereby eligible to participate in the New York state and local employees' retirement system, who through no fault of her own did not become a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system when she was first employed by the Newark central school district, shall be granted retroactive membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system with Tier I status, if within one year from the effective date of this act she shall make a written application to that effect, duly executed and filed with such retirement system.

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

§ 3. All costs associated with the implementation 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 Tier 1 status in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Christine L. Verkey, a current Tier 4 member employed by the State of New York, by changing her date of membership to her first date of employment with the Newark Central School District in 1971. There will be no refund of member contributions.

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

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If this legislation is enacted during the 2019 legislative session, we anticipate that there will be an increase of approximately $4,000 in the annual contributions of the State of New York for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. In future years, this cost will vary as the billing rate and salary of Christine L. Verkey change.

In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there will be an immediate past service cost of approximately $39,200 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, 2020.

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, 2018 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2018 Report of the Actuary and the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 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, 2018 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 fiscal note does not constitute a legal opinion on the viability of the proposed change nor is it intended to serve as a substitute for the professional judgment of an attorney.

This estimate, dated January 3, 2019, and intended for use only during the 2019 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2019-11, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Retirement System.