

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 2, 2019

Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to authorize Jaime Laczko to elect to participate in the optional twenty-five year retirement plan for forest rangers in the service of the department of environmental conservation

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

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Jaime Laczko, a
2 member of the New York state and local police and fire retirement
3 system, who is employed by the department of environmental conservation
4 as a full-time forest ranger I, who upon commencing such employment
5 became a member of such retirement system subject to the provisions of
6 section 375-h of the retirement and social security law, who was eligi-
7 ble, at such time, to elect to join the New York state and local police
8 and fire retirement system subject to the optional twenty-five year
9 retirement plan for forest rangers in the service of the department of
10 environmental conservation pursuant to section 383-c of the retirement
11 and social security law, and who, for reasons not ascribable to his own
12 negligence, failed to elect to participate in such twenty-five year
13 retirement plan, shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the
14 retirement plan, established by section 383-c of the retirement and
15 social security law, upon commencement of his employment as a forest
16 ranger I, if, within 1 year of the effective date of this act, he shall
17 file an application therefor with the state comptroller.

18 § 2. All past costs associated with implementing the provisions of
19 this act shall be borne by the state of New York. Jaime Laczko shall
20 bear no costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of
21 this act.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.--Pursuant to Legislative Law, Section 50:

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

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This bill will deem Jaime Laczko, a forest ranger currently covered under an age 55 retirement plan, to have elected to participate in the 25 year retirement plan established by Section 383-c of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

If this bill is enacted during the 2019 legislative session and Jaime Laczko becomes covered under the provisions of Section 383-c, we anticipate that there will be an increase of approximately \$4,800 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 rates and salary of Jaime Laczko change.

In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there will be an immediate past service cost of \$79,800 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 February 15, 2019, and intended for use only during the 2019 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2019-53, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Retirement System.