

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to providing additional credits to Nassau county law enforcement explorers

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "Nassau future protectors act".

3 § 2. The civil service law is amended by adding a new article 6-A to  
4 read as follows:

### ARTICLE 6-A

#### SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR NASSAU COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS

7 Section 89. Additional credit allowed for Nassau county law enforcement  
8 explorers in competitive examinations; preference in  
9 retention upon abolition of positions.

10 § 89. Additional credit allowed for Nassau county law enforcement  
11 explorers in competitive examinations; preference in retention upon  
12 abolition of positions. 1. Additional credits shall be allowed for  
13 participants of the Nassau county law enforcement exploring program in  
14 competitive examinations for original appointment. The Nassau county law  
15 enforcement exploring program shall be defined as a youth police train-  
16 ing program which provides youths between the ages of fourteen and twen-  
17 ty with training and on the purpose, mission and objectives of the  
18 Nassau county police department, public safety and law enforcement.

19 (a) On all eligible lists resulting from competitive examinations, the  
20 names of eligible persons shall be entered in the order of respective  
21 final earned ratings on examinations, with the name of the eligible  
22 person with the highest final earned ratings at the head of such list,  
23 provided, however, that for the purpose of determining final earned  
24 ratings, Nassau county law enforcement explorers shall be entitled to  
25 receive additional points in a competitive examination for original  
26 appointment in Nassau county. An eligible person who served as a Nassau  
27 county law enforcement explorer for a minimum of four years shall  
28 receive an additional five points. An eligible person who served as a

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

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1 Nassau county law enforcement explorer for less than four years shall  
2 receive an additional two points.

3 (b) Such additional credit shall be added to the final earned rating  
4 of such Nassau county law enforcement explorer, after such explorer  
5 qualified in the competitive examination and shall be granted only at  
6 the time of establishment of the resulting eligible list.

7 2. Any candidate, believing themselves to be entitled to additional  
8 credit in a competitive examination as provided in this section, may  
9 make application for such additional credit at any time between the date  
10 of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the  
11 resulting eligible list. Such candidates shall be allowed a period of  
12 not less than two months from the date of the filing of the application  
13 for examination in which to establish by appropriate documentary proof  
14 the eligibility to receive additional credit under this section. At any  
15 time after two months have elapsed since the final date for filing  
16 applications for a competitive examination for original appointment, the  
17 eligible list resulting from such examination may be established,  
18 notwithstanding the fact that a Nassau county law enforcement explorer  
19 who has applied for additional credit has failed to establish the eligi-  
20 bility to receive such additional credit. A candidate who fails to  
21 establish, by appropriate documentary proof, the eligibility to receive  
22 additional credit by the time an eligible list is established shall not  
23 thereafter be granted additional credit on such eligible list.

24 3. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, no person who  
25 has received a permanent original appointment in the civil service of  
26 Nassau county thereof from an eligible list on which such person was  
27 allowed the additional credit granted by this section as a Nassau county  
28 law enforcement explorer, shall thereafter be entitled to any additional  
29 credit under this section.

30 (b) Where, at the time of establishment of an eligible list, the posi-  
31 tion of a Nassau county law enforcement explorer on such list has not  
32 been affected by the addition of credits granted under this section, the  
33 appointment of such Nassau county law enforcement explorer from such  
34 eligible list shall not be deemed to have been made from an eligible  
35 list on which they were allowed the additional credit granted by this  
36 section.

37 (c) If, at the time of appointment from an eligible list, a Nassau  
38 county law enforcement explorer is in the same relative standing among  
39 the eligible persons who are willing to accept appointment as if such  
40 explorer had not been granted the additional credits as provided by this  
41 section, the appointment from such eligible persons shall not be deemed  
42 to have been made from an eligible list on which they were allowed such  
43 additional credits.

44 (d) Where a Nassau county law enforcement explorer has been originally  
45 appointed from an eligible list on which such explorer was allowed such  
46 additional credit, but such appointment is thereafter terminated either  
47 at the end of the probationary term or by resignation at or before the  
48 end of the probationary term, such explorer shall not be deemed to have  
49 been appointed, as the case may be, from an eligible list on which such  
50 explorer is allowed additional credit, and such appointment shall not  
51 affect such explorer's eligibility for additional credit in other exam-  
52 inations.

53 4. An application for additional credit in a competitive examination  
54 under this section may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time prior  
55 to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. At any time during  
56 the term of existence of an eligible list resulting from a competitive

1 examination in which a Nassau county law enforcement explorer has  
2 received the additional credit granted by this section, such Nassau  
3 county law enforcement explorer may elect, prior to permanent original  
4 appointment, to relinquish the additional credit granted and accept the  
5 lower position on such eligible list to which such explorer would other-  
6 wise have been entitled; provided, however, that such election shall  
7 thereafter be irrevocable. Such election shall be in writing and signed  
8 by the Nassau county law enforcement explorer, and transmitted to the  
9 department or the appropriate municipal civil service commission.

10 5. The department and each municipal commission shall establish and  
11 maintain in its office a roster of all such Nassau county law enforce-  
12 ment explorers appointed as a result of additional credits granted by  
13 this section to positions under its jurisdiction. The appointment of a  
14 Nassau county law enforcement explorer as a result of additional credits  
15 shall be void if such Nassau county law enforcement explorer, prior to  
16 such appointment, had been appointed as a result of additional credits  
17 granted by this section.

18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.