

# STATE OF NEW YORK

10452

## IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

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

AN ACT authorizing Nigel Barnett to receive certain retirement service credit in the New York state and local police and fire retirement system

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 to the contrary,  
2 Nigel Barnett, a former member of the New York State and local police  
3 and fire retirement system, who was employed with the division of state  
4 police from May 3, 2006 through September 16, 2025, and who was a member  
5 of the New York state and local employees' retirement system while  
6 employed as a correction officer with the county of Dutchess, state of  
7 New York, from November 18, 2002 until May 3, 2006, which service is not  
8 deemed to be police service for purposes of the New York state and local  
9 police and fire retirement system pursuant to section 381-b of the  
10 retirement and social security law, shall be granted retirement service  
11 credit pursuant to section 381-b of the retirement and social security  
12 law for such employment as a correction officer with the county of  
13 Dutchess, state of New York as if such service was rendered with the  
14 division of state police beginning on May 3, 2006, and shall have his  
15 retirement benefit recalculated, if within one year of the effective  
16 date of this act, his estate representative or the superintendent shall  
17 file a written request to that effect with the state comptroller.
- 18 § 2. In the event the beneficiary is required to make an election  
19 prior to the enactment of this legislation, the pension reserve shall be  
20 awarded minus any death benefit previously paid to said beneficiary.
- 21 § 3. All past service costs associated with the implementation of this  
22 act shall be borne by the state of New York.
- 23 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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