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Introduced by Sens. LIU, BROUK, COMRIE, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, MAYER, RIVERA, SEPULVEDA -- 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 the definition of public employer and public employee

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 1 of section 75-b of the civil service law, as added by chapter 660 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as follows:

(a) "Public employer" or "employer" shall mean (i) the state of New York, (ii) a county, city, town, village or any other political subdivision or civil division of the state, (iii) a school district or any governmental entity operating a public school, college or university, (iv) a public improvement or special district, (v) a public authority, commission or public benefit corporation, [~~or~~] (vi) **the unified court system, (vii) the legislature, or (viii)** any other public corporation, agency, instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental power under the laws of the state.

(b) "Public employee" or "employee" shall mean any person**, with the exceptions of a judge or justice of the unified court system and members of the legislature,** holding a position by appointment or employment in the service of a public employer [~~except judges or justices of the unified court system and members of the legislature~~].

§ 2. 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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