STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 4, 2026

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

AN ACT to authorize Ryan J. St. Gelais and Aaron M. St. Gelais, police officers in the village of Menands, county of Albany, to receive certain credit under section 384-d of the retirement and social security law

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, Ryan J. St. Gelais and Aaron M. St. Gelais, currently village of Menands police officers and members of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system covered by section 384-d of the retirement and social security law, who were members of the New York State local retirement system, and who, for reasons not ascribable to their own negligence, were not granted service credit under section 384-d of the retirement and social security law for the period of employment, shall be granted such service credit under section 384-d of the retirement and social security law and shall be entitled to the full rights and benefits associated with coverage under such section, provided a request to that effect is filed with the state comptroller within one year from the effective date of this act. Prior to Ryan J. St. Gelais and Aaron M. St. Gelais submitting such request, they must first file an application for tier reinstatement with the New York state and local police and fire retirement system, as they have previously withdrawn their membership with the New York state and local employees' retirement system. Once any costs associated with Ryan J. St. Gelais and Aaron M. St. Gelais's tier reinstatement to their prior membership are paid in full by them, they may be granted the service credit and such service credit will be creditable service under section 384-d of the retirement and social security law for Ryan J. St. Gelais and Aaron M. St. Gelais.

§ 2. All past service costs incurred in implementing the provisions of this act shall be borne by the village of Menands.

§ 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 would grant police officers Ryan St. Gelais and Aaron St. Gelais, members of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (NYSLPFRS) employed by the village of Menands, to receive service credit under section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL) for correction officer service and age-based plan service. Currently, correction officer service and age-based plan service are not creditable in a NYSLPFRS twenty-year retirement plan.

This bill will not increase the village of Menands' annual contributions.

There will be an immediate past service cost of $260,000 borne by the village of Menands as a one-time payment. This cost assumes that payment will be made on February 1, 2027.

Ryan St. Gelais and Aaron St. Gelais must complete and file applications for tier reinstatement with NYSLPFRS for service credit to be granted.

Summary of relevant resources:

Membership data as of March 31, 2025 was used to measure the impact of the bill, the same data used in the Actuarial Valuations dated April 1, 2025. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2025 Report of the Actuary and the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2025 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, and the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control. The fair value of assets and GASB disclosures can be found in the 2025 Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

Assumptions, demographics, and other considerations may have been modified to better reflect specific provisions of any proposed benefit change(s).

This fiscal note does not constitute a legal opinion on the viability of the bill, nor is it intended to serve as a substitute for the professional judgment of an attorney.

This estimate, dated May 4, 2026, and intended for use only during the 2026 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note Number 2026-185. As Chief Actuary of the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS), I, Aaron Schottin Young, hereby certify that this analysis complies with applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice as well as the Code of Professional Conduct and Qualification Standards for Actuaries Issuing Statements of Actuarial Opinion of the American Academy of Actuaries, of which I am a member. I am a member of NYSLRS but do not believe it impairs my objectivity.