STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 11, 2025

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

AN ACT granting retroactive membership with tier I status in the New York teachers' retirement system to James J. DeMarco

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, James J. DeMarco, who was employed as a seasonal employee with the New York power authority with a start date of July 17, 1969, and who is currently a retired member of the New York state teachers' retirement system, who through no fault of his own did not become a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system on July 17, 1969 when first employed by the New York power authority shall be deemed to have been a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system on such date he commenced his employment and shall be granted Tier I status, provided that an application is filed with the head of the New York state teachers' retirement system within one year from the effective date of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

This bill would allow James J. DeMarco, a retired Tier 2 member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, to be reclassified as a Tier 1 member. His date of membership would be changed to July 17, 1969 based upon his employment as a seasonal employee for the New York Power Authority. Additionally, Mr. DeMarco's pension would be recalculated with retroactive adjustment to payments made since his date of retirement of December 7, 2007. Mr. DeMarco must file a written request with the head of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System within one year of the effective date of this bill.

The cost of this benefit is equal to the increase in the present value of liabilities, which is estimated to be $95,900. This cost is to be

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

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borne by the employers of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

Member data is from the System's most recent actuarial valuation files as of June 30, 2024, consisting of data provided by the employers to the Retirement System. The most recent data distributions and statistics can be found in the System's Annual Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. System assets are as reported in the System's financial statements and can also be found in the System's Annual Report. Actuarial assumptions and methods will be provided in the System's Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2024.

The source of this estimate is Fiscal Note 2025-5 dated February 4, 2025 prepared by the Office of the Actuary of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and is intended for use only during the 2025 Legislative Session. I, Richard A. Young, am the Chief Actuary for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and I meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.