STATE OF NEW YORK

4485--A

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 5, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions -- recommitted to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

Bill Description:

This fiscal note is prepared for legislative bill draft #02652-02-5. 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

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

LBD02652-03-6

with retroactive adjustment to payments made since his date of retirement on 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.

Cost:

The cost of this benefit is equal to the increase in the present value of liabilities, which is estimated to be $98,200. This cost is to be borne by the employers of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

Data:

Member data as of June 30, 2025, prepared for the most recent actuarial valuation was used in determining this cost. The most recent data distributions and statistics can be found in the System's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. System assets are as reported in the System's financial statements which can be found in the System's Annual Report. This data will also be provided in the System's Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2025.

Methods and Assumptions:

A summary of actuarial assumptions and methods will be provided in the System's Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2025. Further details can be found in the most recent Recommended Actuarial Assumptions 2025 Report.

Fiscal Note Identification:

This Fiscal Note, 2026-21, dated January 29, 2026, was prepared by the Office of the Actuary of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and is intended for use only during the 2026 Legislative Session.