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# IN SENATE

May 15, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to providing retirement credit to emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians for a child care leave of absence

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

Section 1. Section 609 of the retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new subdivision i to read as follows:

**i. Notwithstanding any other law or code provision that prohibits a member from receiving retirement credit for any period during which the member was absent on leave without pay, including but not limited to, subdivision c of this section, any EMT member, as defined in paragraph two of subdivision a of section four hundred forty-five-e of this chapter and paragraph one of subdivision a of section six hundred four-e of this article, as added by chapter five hundred seventy-seven of the laws of two thousand, who is absent without pay for a child care leave of absence pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement covering the EMT member shall be eligible for credit for such period of child care leave provided such member files a claim for such service credit with the pension fund by December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five or within ninety days following termination of the child care leave, whichever is later, and contributes to the pension fund an amount which such member would have contributed during the period of such child care leave, together with interest thereon. Service credit provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed one year of credit for each period of authorized child care leave.**

§ 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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