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HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Retirement System; Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; emergency dispatchers.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 51.1-212. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Employee" means any (i) member *or full-time salaried dispatcher* of the Capitol Police Force as described in § 30-34.2:1, (ii) campus police officer appointed under the provisions of Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1, (iii) conservation police officer in the Department of Wildlife Resources appointed under the provisions of Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, (iv) special agent of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, (v) law-enforcement officer employed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission as described in § 9.1-101, (vi) correctional officer as the term is defined in § 53.1-1, and including correctional officers employed at a juvenile correction facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3, (vii) parole officer appointed pursuant to § 53.1-143, (viii) commercial vehicle enforcement officer *or full-time salaried dispatcher* employed by the Department of State Police, (ix) full-time firefighter employed by the Department of Military Affairs, ~~and~~ (x) conservation officer of the Department of Conservation and Recreation appointed under the provisions of Article 4 (§ 10.1-115 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 10.1, *and (xi) full-time salaried dispatcher for a public safety answering point, as defined in § 56-484.12, who is employed by an agency described in clauses (ii) through (vii) or clauses (ix) or (x).*

"Member" means any person included in the membership of the Retirement System as provided in this chapter.

"Normal retirement date" means a member's sixtieth birthday.

"Retirement System" means the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**3. That the provisions of this act providing enhanced retirement benefits to positions as full-time salaried dispatchers for a public safety answering point, of the Department of State Police, or of the Capitol Police Force shall apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried dispatcher for a public safety answering point, of the Department of State Police, or of the Capitol Police Force on or after July 1, 2027.**

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