



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6953

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***AN ACT REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE A PENSION TO
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS THROUGH PARTICIPATION
IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR
ANOTHER COMPARABLE PENSION SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 30, 2027,
2 each municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes,
3 shall provide each police officer or firefighter employed by such
4 municipality with a defined pension plan, through participation in
5 either (1) the municipal employees' retirement system, pursuant to
6 section 7-427 of the general statutes, or (2) any other defined pension
7 plan that provides such individuals with benefits that are comparable
8 or superior to those benefits offered by the municipal employees'
9 retirement system.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall conduct a study
11 on the considerations necessary for a municipality that does not
12 currently provide a defined pension plan to each police officer or
13 firefighter employed by such municipality through participation in
14 either (1) the municipal employees' retirement system, pursuant to
15 section 7-427 of the general statutes, or (2) any other defined pension
16 plan that provides such individuals with benefits that are comparable
17 or superior to those benefits offered by the municipal employees'

18 retirement system, to successfully transition such individuals from such
19 municipality's current retirement system to such defined pension plan
20 described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. Not later than
21 January 1, 2026, the Comptroller shall submit a report of the results of
22 such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
23 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
25 employees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(2), "defined benefit plan" was changed to "defined pension plan" for consistency with other provisions; and in Sec. 2(2) "defined benefit plan" was changed to "defined pension plan" for consistency with other provisions.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*