

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT concerning the mandatory retirement age of police chiefs and fire department chiefs and amending P.L.2022, c.9.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.2022, c.9 (C.43:16A-5.3) is amended to read as follows:

C.43:16A-5.3 Certain PFRS members may remain within system until specified deadline.

1. a. A member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, established pursuant to P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.), who:

is serving as a police chief of a law enforcement agency or a chief of a fire department on the effective date of P.L.2022, c.9; and

will attain the age of 65 years during the period commencing on the effective date of P.L.2022, c.9 and ending on the last day of the 60th calendar month following that effective date,

may remain a member of the system, notwithstanding the mandatory retirement provision of section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-5), until the end of the calendar year in which the member attains the age of 67 years if the appointing authority approves, in writing, the retention and continued service after the age of 65 years of the police or fire chief as the chief.

- b. Within 30 days after the last day of the 60th calendar month following the effective date of P.L.2022, c.9, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System shall submit a report to the Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the effect of this section on the retirement system. The report shall include the number of members who were retained and continued to serve as the police or fire chief, the length of that service after the age of 65 years, and the impact of that extended service on the retirement system.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 28, 2025.