

**HOUSE BILL NO. 159**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS, Smalley, Kerttula

Introduced: 3/25/99

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act granting certain employees in correctional facilities status as peace  
2 officers under the public employees' retirement system."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. AS 39.35.680(28) is amended to read:

5 (28) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" means an employee occupying a  
6 position as a

7 (A) peace officer or [,] chief of police;

8 (B) [,] correctional officer, correctional superintendent, or other  
9 employee of a correctional facility;

10 (C) fire fighter or [,] fire chief; [,] or

11 (D) probation officer;

12 \* Sec. 2. An employee who was employed as an employee of a correctional facility, other  
13 than as a correctional officer or a correctional superintendent, in the public employees'  
14 retirement system before the effective date of this Act may convert the credited service for

1 that position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the service as peace officer  
2 service before the employee is appointed to retirement. When the employee claims this  
3 retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the employee to the system shall be  
4 established. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the contributions to the system that the employee  
5 would have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the contributions  
6 to the system that the employee actually made. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues  
7 on this indebtedness beginning July 1, 1999. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the  
8 time a person is appointed to retirement will require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits  
9 payable based upon the service.