

SENATE BILL NO. 159

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR ELTON

Introduced: 4/19/99

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act granting certain juvenile detention or juvenile correctional institution
2 employees status as peace officers under the public employees' retirement system;
3 and providing for an effective date."

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

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

6 (28) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" means an employee occupying a
7 position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer, correctional
8 superintendent, fire fighter, fire chief, [OR] probation officer, or youth counselor, unit
9 leader, or superintendent in a juvenile detention or juvenile correctional
10 institution;

11 * Sec. 2. An employee who was employed as a youth counselor, unit leader, or
12 superintendent in a juvenile detention or juvenile correctional institution in the public
13 employees' retirement system before the effective date of this Act may convert the credited
14 service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the service as peace

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

9 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).