

**SENATE BILL NO. 32**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: State Affairs and Finance

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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 position as  
6 a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, fire fighter, fire  
7 chief, [OR] probation officer, or youth counselor, unit leader, or superintendent in a juvenile  
8 correctional institution;

9 \* Sec. 2. An employee who was employed as a youth counselor, unit leader, or superintendent at a  
10 juvenile correctional institution in the public employees' retirement system before the effective date of  
11 this Act may convert the credited service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by  
12 claiming the service as peace officer service before the member is appointed to retirement. When the  
13 member claims this retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the member to the system shall be  
14 established. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the contributions to the system that the juvenile correctional

1 institution employee would have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the  
2 contributions to the system that the juvenile correctional institution employee actually made. Interest  
3 as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning July 1, 1992. Any outstanding  
4 indebtedness that exists at the time a person is appointed to retirement will require an actuarial  
5 adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the juvenile correctional institution service.

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