

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date _____

The Committee on FINANCY has had ST 124

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
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_____ recommends:

_____ Chairman

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. Senate Bill #195
 Title: An act relating to covering correction officers under PERS
 Requested by: Senate HESS Date: 3/19/75
 Return Date Requested: As Soon As Possible
 Agency: Administration - Retirement Program: PERS

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: ALL
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

| OBJECT | FY 75 | FY 76 | FY 77 | FY 78 | FY 79 | FY 80 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 200 TRAVEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 400 COMMODITIES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 BENEFITS | 0 | 350.0 | 371.0 | 393.3 | 416.9 | 442.0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 350.0 | 371.0 | 393.3 | 416.9 | 442.00 |

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

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|-------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| GENERAL FUND 80% | 0 | 280.0 | 296.8 | 314.6 | 333.5 | 353.5 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS 17% | 0 | 59.5 | 63.1 | 66.9 | 70.9 | 75.2 |
| OTHER 3% | 0 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 13.3 |

C. POSITIONS:

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| PERMANENT/TEMPORARY | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 |
| MAN MONTHS (P./T.) | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 |

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

1. It is assumed that there are approximately 213 positions involved. Each person has an average annual income of \$15,000.
2. Assume effective date to be 7/1/75.
3. Cost to State contribution rate would be an increase of .25% of an estimated FY 76 payroll of \$140,000,000.
4. It is assumed that the State payroll will increase 6% per annum.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 24, 1975

PREPARED BY: Robert S. Gates
 Robert S. Gates, Director
 Division of Retirement & Benefits
 Department of Administration

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

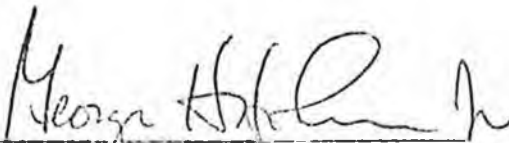
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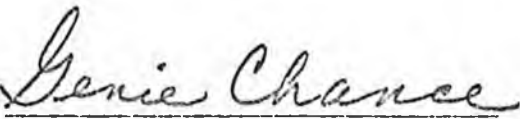
SENATE JOURNAL

COMMITTEE REPORT

Senate Bill 195 provides an added retirement benefit to correction officers. Correction officers are faced with many hazardous situations and it is the intent of the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee, in passing out this bill, to recognize those risks taken and compensate the employees who are constantly faced with potentially dangerous situations.

The cost of enacting this bill would be \$350,000.


George Holman, Chairman
Senate Health, Education and
Social Services Committee


Genie Chance, Vice-Chairman
Senate Health, Education and
Social Services Committee

Date

ALASKA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



April 11, 1975

The Honorable Senator Bill Ray
Pouch V
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Bill:

Senate Bill #195 that would place Correctional Officers under the Peace Officers and Firemans Early Retirement System passed out of Senator Hohmen's committee on April 10, 1975 and was referred to your finance committee for further action.

I know you are aware of this bill and the effort on the part of Correctional and Law Enforcement Officers and the Alaska Peace Officers Association to aquire passage of this bill for the past four (4) years.

Myself, as well as others would welcome the opportunity to testify on behalf of this very important legislation that would have such a favorable and well deserved impact upon 172 Correctional Officers and their families. Therefore, we would certainly appreciate any consideration you might give in bringing this bill before your committee.

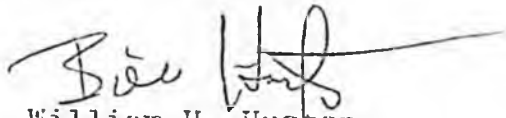
I might add that the average age of Correctional personnel in this State is approximately 38 years and the average length of service is 4.2 years, which means that no one in the group will be drawing from this fund for years to come.

Therefore, the annual cost as indicated on the actuary would actually be placed in the Retirement Fund where the State by statute can invest it in various ventures beneficial to all Alaskans.

At the same time Correctional Officers would be providing additional funds into the Retirement system for the same purpose.

Thank you very much for any part of your valuable time spent in considering this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Huston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William H. Huston,
Member of the Legislative Committee
of the Alaska Peace Officers Assoc.
and Superintendent of the State
Correctional Center in Juneau

ALASKA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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April 11, 1975

Senator Bill Ray, Chairman
Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska



Re: S.B. 195 providing coverage for
Correctional Officers in the Police
and Fire Retirement Program

Dear Senator Ray:

The Alaska Peace Officers Association, and the Alaska Chiefs of Police support and recommend for favorable consideration S.B. 195 which would have the effect of including correctional officers and correctional superintendents in the Police and Fire Retirement Program. It is the opinion of the peace officers that corrections personnel are exposed to many of the same hazards in their job situation as are law enforcement personnel, and that the inequity of excluding them from the Police and Fire retirement benefits should be rectified.

Correctional personnel deal primarily with individuals whose conduct or actions have made them dangerous to society. These officers must necessarily enforce rules and regulations which will ensure custody and also provide an opportunity for rehabilitation. Even in the institutional environment, these offenders are not voluntarily receptive to control, regulation or change.

Even though Alaska's institutions contain an inmate population which is relatively small in comparison with other jurisdictions, this population is reflecting an increasingly larger percentage of convicted recidivist felons who can accurately be described as "hard core" criminal types. The institution of reforms in recent years which have broadened probation programs, provided for suspended imposition of sentence and other rehabilitative practices have consequently increased the percentage of felons and asocial personality types in State institutions.

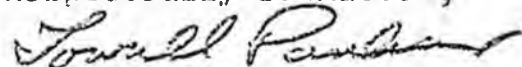
Alaskan institutions have also adopted concepts of modern, minimum security facilities design. Although it remains to be seen whether these programs will be successful in achieving a degree of rehabilitative success, there is no disputing the fact that there is considerably less institutional security, and a greater requirement for exposure to the inmate population.

Alaska's experience in the operation of its institutions is not very dissimilar to the incidents which have taken place in recent years throughout the nation. Members of the correctional staff have been subjected to assault, injury, threat of harm to their families and even kidnapping. Maintenance of order in these institutions on a twenty four hour basis subjects these personnel to all of the dangers and unusual hazards which have generally been recognized as a basis for sustaining the validity of early retirement programs for law enforcement and fire service personnel.

The police and fire retirement program recognizes that older personnel in these positions cannot indefinitely sustain the same type of vigorous activity that is essential to their own protection, that of prisoners committed to their custody, or co-workers of the institutional staff. It seems eminently reasonable that the same benefits should be afforded to correctional officers.

It is for this reason that we would recommend the Committee's favorable consideration of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



Lowell Parker, President
ALASKA PEACE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

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ALLS TRANSACTIONS LCG AND LCS OFF-LINE UNTIL APPROX 1300

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ATTN: WILLIAM HUSTON

APRIL 8TH, 1975

SENATOR GEORGE HOHMAN

POUCH V

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

DEAR SENATOR HOHMAN:

I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE YOU WITH FACTUAL INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THEIR WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

SINCE I HAVE BEEN THE PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ENTIRE ANCHORAGE AREA DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS, I FEEL QUITE QUALIFIED TO COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. I HAVE VISITED THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AT ALL HOURS AND THUS BEEN EXPOSED TO ALL WORKING SHIFTS.

IN MY EYES, THE TYPICAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER FULFILLS A VERY NECESSARY SERVICE TO OUR SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR, MANAGING THE OFFENDER AND SATISFYING HIS DEMANDS WHILE INCARCERATED. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, I AM A STORE OF MANY EXPERIENCES BUT WILL ONLY SUMMARIZE THEM HERE.

THE OFFICERS INDEED HAVE A DIFFICULT, THANKLESS JOB, THEY ARE CONTINUALLY SUBJECTED TO VERBAL AS WELL AS PHYSICAL THREATS BOTH TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. I NOTICE A FAIRLY RAPID TURNOVER AMONG THE YOUNGER MEN WHICH IS NO DOUBT DUE TO OR AT LEAST DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE UNPLEASANT HUMAN RELATIONS EXISTING IN CORRECTIONS. OLDER MEN WHO STICK WITH IT ARE CERTAINLY WORTH BENEFITS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO KEEP THEM SERVING AT THEIR POSTS.

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL IN SOME WAY ASSIST YOU IN MAKING A DECISION THAT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AFFECTS THE FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.
SINCERELY, THOMAS F. GREEN, M.D.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, THANKS, BONNIE, CRO1, 4/10/75-6

Introduced: 2/20/75
Referred: Health, Education
and Social Services and
Finance

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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