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Act No. 130 (H.585). An act relating to amending the pension system for sheriffs and certain deputy sheriffs

Subjects: Executive; Vermont State Employees' Retirement System; county sheriff pension plan; sheriff compensation; state's attorneys report

This act amends the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System to place eligible sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who start on or after January 1, 2025, into the Group G retirement system. It also creates a one-time irrevocable opportunity for currently employed and otherwise eligible sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to opt into the Group G retirement system. This act sets the normal retirement date for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the Group G system based upon the day they were first included as members in the retirement system.

This act updates the salaries of sheriffs in statute pursuant to the Pay Act and sets forth a percentage reduction in pay for sheriffs without certain levels of law enforcement certification.

This act also requires the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs to analyze and report back to the General Assembly on various issues related to the attorney license status, job duties, and compensation of State's Attorneys.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024