

1 H.519

2 Senator Collamore moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill
3 be amended by striking out Sec. 1, 3 V.S.A. § 455, in its entirety and inserting
4 in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

6 § 455. DEFINITIONS

7 (a) As used in this subchapter:

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9 (11) “Member” means any employee included in the membership of the
10 Retirement System under section 457 of this title.

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12 (F) “Group G member” means:

13 (i) the following employees who are first employed in the
14 positions listed in this subdivision (F)(i) on or after July 1, 2023, or who are
15 members of the System as of June 30, 2022 2023, and make an irrevocable
16 election to prospectively join Group G on or before June 30, 2023, pursuant to
17 the terms set by the Board: facility employees of the Department of
18 Corrections, as Department of Corrections employees who provide direct
19 security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the
20 community, employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, and employees

1 of the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital or its successor in interest, who
2 provide direct patient care; ~~and~~

3 (ii) the following employees who are first employed in the
4 positions listed in this subdivision (F)(ii) or first included in the membership of
5 the System on or after January 1, 2025, or who are members of the System as
6 of December 31, 2024, and make an irrevocable election to join Group G on or
7 before December 31, 2024, pursuant to the terms set by the Board:

8 (I) all sheriffs; and

9 (II) deputy sheriffs who:

10 (aa) are employed by county sheriff's departments that
11 participate in the Vermont Employees' Retirement System;

12 (bb) have attained Level II or Level III law enforcement
13 officer certification from the Vermont Criminal Justice Council;

14 (cc) are required to perform law enforcement duties as the
15 primary function of their employment; and

16 (dd) are not full-time deputy sheriffs compensated by the
17 State of Vermont whose primary function is transports as defined in 24 V.S.A.
18 § 290(b) and eligible for Group C pursuant to subdivision (9)(B) of this
19 subsection (a); and

20 (iii) the following employees who are first employed in the
21 positions listed in this subdivision (F)(iii) or first included in the membership

1 of the System on or after January 1, 2027, or who are members of the System
2 as of December 31, 2026, and make an irrevocable election to join Group G on
3 or before December 31, 2026, pursuant to the terms set by the Board and who:

4 (I) are employed by a municipal employer that participates in
5 the Vermont Employees' Retirement System;

6 (II) have attained Level II or Level III law enforcement officer
7 certification from the Vermont Criminal Justice Council; and

8 (III) are required to perform law enforcement duties as the
9 primary function of their employment.

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11 (13) "Normal retirement date" means:

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13 (E) with respect to a Group G member:

14 (i) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections,
15 Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and
16 treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, employees
17 of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the Vermont
18 Psychiatric Care Hospital or its predecessor or successor in interest, who
19 provide direct patient care, who were first included in the membership of the
20 System on or before June 30, 2008, who were employed as of June 30, 2022
21 2023, and who made an irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on

1 or before July 1, 2023, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of
2 the calendar month next following the earlier of:

3 (I) 62 years of age and following completion of five years of
4 creditable service;

5 (II) completion of 30 years of creditable service; or

6 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
7 creditable service;

8 (ii) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections,
9 Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and
10 treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, as
11 employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the
12 Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital or its predecessor or successor in interest,
13 who provide direct patient care, who were first included in the membership of
14 the System on or after July 1, 2008, who were employed as of June 30, 2022
15 2023, and who made an irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on
16 or before July 1, 2023, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of
17 the calendar month next following the earlier of:

18 (I) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
19 creditable service;

20 (II) attainment of 87 points reflecting a combination of the age
21 of the member and number of years of service; or

1 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
2 creditable service;

3 (iii) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections,
4 Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and
5 treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, employees
6 of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the Vermont
7 Psychiatric Care Hospital or its predecessor or successor in interest, who
8 provide direct patient care, who first become a Group G member on or after
9 July 1, 2023, the first day of the calendar month next following the earlier of:

10 (I) attainment of 55 years of age and following completion of
11 20 years of creditable service; or

12 (II) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
13 creditable service;

14 (iv) for all sheriffs and those deputy sheriffs who meet the
15 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(ii) of this subsection (a), who
16 were first included in the membership of the System on or before June 30,
17 2008, who were employed as of December 31, 2024, and who made an
18 irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on or before January 1,
19 2025, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar
20 month next following the earlier of:

1 (I) 62 years of age and following completion of five years of
2 creditable service;

3 (II) completion of 30 years of creditable service; or

4 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
5 creditable service;

6 (v) for all sheriffs and those deputy sheriffs who meet the
7 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(ii) of this subsection (a), who
8 were first included in the membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008,
9 who were employed as of December 31, 2024, and who made an irrevocable
10 election to prospectively join Group G on or before January 1, 2025, pursuant
11 to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar month next
12 following the earlier of:

13 (I) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
14 creditable service;

15 (II) attainment of 87 points reflecting a combination of the age
16 of the member and number of years of service; or

17 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
18 creditable service; ~~or~~

19 (vi) for all sheriffs and those deputy sheriffs who meet the
20 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(ii) of this subsection (a), who

1 first become a Group G member **on or** after January 1, 2025, the first day of
2 the calendar month next following the earlier of:

3 (I) attainment of 55 years of age and following completion of
4 20 years of creditable service; or

5 (II) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
6 creditable service;

7 (vii) for all municipal law enforcement officers who meet the
8 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(iii) of this subsection (a), who
9 were first included in the membership of the System on or before June 30,
10 2008, who were employed as of December 31, 2026, and who made an
11 irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on or before January 1,
12 2027, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar
13 month next following the earlier of:

14 (I) 62 years of age and following completion of five years of
15 creditable service;

16 (II) completion of 30 years of creditable service; or

17 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
18 creditable service;

19 (viii) for all municipal law enforcement officers who meet the
20 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(iii) of this subsection (a), who
21 were first included in the membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008,

1 who were employed as of December 31, 2026, and who made an irrevocable
2 election to prospectively join Group G on or before January 1, 2027, pursuant
3 to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar month next
4 following the earlier of:

5 (I) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
6 creditable service;

7 (II) attainment of 87 points reflecting a combination of the age
8 of the member and number of years of service; or

9 (III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of
10 creditable service; or

11 (ix) for all municipal law enforcement officers who meet the
12 requirements pursuant to subdivision (11)(F)(iii) of this subsection (a) who
13 first become a Group G member on or after January 1, 2027, the first day of
14 the calendar month next following the earlier of:

15 (I) attainment of 55 years of age and following completion of
16 20 years of creditable service; or

17 (II) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of
18 creditable service.

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