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## HOUSE BILL No. 1188

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1        SECTION 1. IC 10-12-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2        FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter is  
3        intended to be a supplement to IC 10-12-3 **and IC 10-12-4** and does  
4        not repeal, impair, or otherwise adversely affect the pension fund or  
5        pension benefits provided for in IC 10-12-3 **and IC 10-12-4** for eligible  
6        employees of the department.

7        SECTION 2. IC 10-12-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
8        FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. To become eligible  
9        for any supplemental benefits provided in this chapter, an employee of  
10      the department must:

11                (1) be at least fifty-five (55) years of age;  
12                (2) have completed at least:  
13                        (A) twenty (20) years of service with the department, ~~or be~~  
14                        ~~retired by virtue of becoming fifty-five (55) years of age; if~~  
15                        ~~IC 10-12-3 applies to the employee; or~~

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(B) twenty-five (25) years of service with the department, if IC 10-12-4 applies to the employee; and  
(3) be eligible to receive retirement benefits under IC 10-12-3 or IC 10-12-4.

5 SECTION 3. IC 10-12-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,  
6 SECTION 124, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The pension advisory board  
8 that administers the pension under IC 10-12-3 **and** IC 10-12-4 shall  
9 direct and supervise the supplemental benefits provided in this chapter.

10 (b) The pension advisory board shall:

11 (1) annually provide a schedule showing the number of retirees  
12 receiving pension benefits under IC 10-12-3 **and IC 10-12-4;**  
13 and

14 (2) meet at least one (1) time each year to add to the regular  
15 pension benefit or annuity and any previously granted  
16 supplemental benefit the amount described in subsection (c), or  
17 (d), (e), or (f).

18 (c) This subsection applies only to a retiree **under IC 10-12-3** who  
19 is eligible for the first time under section 2 of this chapter to receive a  
20 supplemental benefit **and who retires before July 1, 2026**. The  
21 supplemental benefit referred to in subsection (b)(2) for a retiree in the  
22 first year the retiree is eligible for a supplemental benefit is the sum of:

23 (1) the difference between:

24 (A) the retiree's pension benefit; and

25 (B) the pension benefit:

26 (i) received by an employee retiring in that year from  
27 the department with twenty (20) years of active service  
28 **whose average monthly wage is equal to the**  
29 **monthly wage received by a police employee in the**  
30 **grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's**  
31 **sixth year of service; and**

32 (ii) computed on the day the pension advisory board  
33 meets as required under subsection (b)(2); plus  
34 (2) any amount computed under subsection (d) after the date the  
35 retiree reaches fifty-five (55) years of age.

(d) This subsection applies to a retiree **under IC 10-12-3** who is eligible under section 2 of this chapter to receive a supplemental benefit, but whose supplemental benefit is not computed under subsection (c). The supplemental benefit referred to in subsection (b)(2) is equal to **the following:**

41 (1) For a supplemental benefit calculated in 2026, either:

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**(A) if on July 1, 2026, there is no change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service, fifty percent (50%) of the difference between:**

- (i) the pension benefits to be received by an employee retiring from the department with twenty (20) years of active service and whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service; and
- (ii) the pension benefits to be received by an employee retiring from the department with twenty (20) years of active service and whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's fourth year of service; or

(B) if the condition described in clause (A) does not apply, fifty percent (50%) of the difference between:

- (i) the pension benefits to be received by an employee retiring from the department with twenty (20) years of active service and whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service the day after a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service; and
- (ii) the pension benefit received by an employee retiring from the department with twenty (20) years of active service and whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's fourth year of service the day before a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's fourth year of service.

**(2) For a supplemental benefit calculated in a year not described in subdivision (1), fifty percent (50%) of the difference between:**

(+) (A) the pension benefits to be received by an employee retiring from the department:

**(i)** with twenty (20) years of active service; **and**



(ii) whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service;

the day after a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's **fourth sixth** year of service; and

(2) (B) the pension benefit received by an employee retiring from the department:

- (i) with twenty (20) years of active service; and
- (ii) whose average monthly wage is equal to the

- (i) with twenty (20) years of active service; and
- (ii) whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service;

the day before a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's **fourth sixth** year of service.

- (1) the retiree's pension benefit; and
- (2) the pension benefit:

(A) received by an employee retiring in that year from the department with twenty-five (25) years of active service whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service; and

(B) computed on the day the pension advisory board meets as required under subsection (b)(2).

34     **For purposes of this subsection, a retiree that meets the criteria in**  
35     **section 2 of this chapter may be eligible for supplemental benefits**  
36     **notwithstanding the fact that the retiree received benefits under**  
37     **IC 10-12-4 prior to July 1, 2026.**

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**(1) the pension benefit to be received by an employee retiring from the department:**

- (A) with twenty-five (25) years of active service; and
- (B) whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service;

the day after a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service; and

**(2) the pension benefit received by an employee retiring from the department:**

- (A) with twenty-five (25) years of active service; and
- (B) whose average monthly wage is equal to the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service;

**the day before a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service.**

SECTION 4. IC 10-12-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 89, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4. This section applies to supplemental benefits paid to employee beneficiaries receiving pension benefits under IC 10-12-3.** As an incentive to all employees of the department, the supplemental pension benefits of this chapter shall be increased by more than the increase provided in section 3(c) or 3(d) of this chapter, at the rate of a five percent (5%) per year increase for each year of active service over twenty (20) years up to thirty (30) years of service, as calculated in section 3(c) or 3(d) of this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 10-12-5-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. This section applies to supplemental benefits paid to employee beneficiaries receiving pension benefits under IC 10-12-4. As an incentive to all employees of the department, the supplemental pension benefits of this chapter shall be increased by more than the increase provided in section 3(e) or 3(f) of this chapter, at the rate of a five percent (5%) per year increase for each year of active service over twenty-five (25) years up to thirty-five (35) years of service, as calculated in section 3(e) or 3(f) of this chapter.

SECTION 6. IC 10-12-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The supplemental  
 2       pension benefits provided for in this chapter shall be paid at the same  
 3       time and along with the regular pension benefits. **First time payments**  
 4       **of and increases to supplemental pension benefits shall be paid or**  
 5       **commence beginning in July of each year.**

6       SECTION 7. IC 36-8-4.7-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2016,  
 7       SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "appointing authority"  
 9       means:

- 10       (1) the chief executive officer, board, or other entity of a police  
       11       department with authority to appoint and hire a member of the  
       12       police department; **or**
- 13       (2) the chief executive officer, board, or other entity of a fire  
       14       department with authority to appoint and hire a member of the  
       15       fire department;
- 16       **(3) for purposes of a school resource officer who becomes or**  
       17       **remains a member of the 1977 fund under IC 36-8-8-3(f) or**  
       18       **IC 36-8-8-3(g), the governing body of a school corporation or**  
       19       **the equivalent for a charter school; or**
- 20       **(4) for purposes of a school police officer, the governing body**  
       21       **of a school corporation or the equivalent for a charter**  
       22       **school.**

23       SECTION 8. IC 36-8-4.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
 24       SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary law, an  
 26       appointing authority shall waive any age restriction for a person not  
 27       more than forty (40) years and six (6) months of age that applies to the  
 28       appointment and hiring of an individual as:

- 29       (1) a member of the police department; **or**
- 30       (2) a member of the fire department; **or**
- 31       **(3) a school resource officer (as defined in IC 36-8-8-2.2);**  
       32       if the individual meets the requirements of subsection (b).
- 33       (b) An individual who meets all the following requirements is  
       34       entitled to the waiver described in subsection (a):
- 35       (1) On the date the individual applies to be appointed and hired  
       36       as:
- 37       (A) a member of the police department; **or**
- 38       (B) a member of the fire department; **or**
- 39       **(C) a school resource officer (as defined in**  
       40       **IC 36-8-8-2.2);**
- 41       the individual is a veteran who has completed at least twenty  
       42       (20) years of military service.



6 (A) a member of the police department; **or**  
7 (B) a member of the fire department; **or**  
8 (C) a school resource officer (as defined in  
9 IC 36-8-8-2.2);

10 including all physical requirements.

13 SECTION 9. IC 36-8-8-2.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2024,  
14 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.1. (a) As used in this chapter, "local board"  
16 means the following:

17 (1) For a unit that established a 1925 fund for its police officers,  
18 the local board described in IC 36-8-6-2.

19 (2) For a unit that established a 1937 fund for its firefighters, the  
20 local board described in IC 36-8-7-3.

21 (3) For a consolidated city that established a 1953 fund for its  
22 police officers, the local board described in IC 36-8-7.5-2.

23 (4) For a unit, other than a consolidated city, that did not  
24 establish a 1925 fund for its police officers or a 1937 fund for its  
25 firefighters, the local board described in subsection (b) or (c).

26 (5) For an airport authority, the board of an airport authority.  
27 (6) For a school resource officer, the local board described in

subdivisions (1) through (4) that manages the fund established in the unit or the consolidated city in which the:



1       IC 36-8-6-2(b). However, if there is not a retired member of the  
 2       department, no one shall be appointed to that position until such time  
 3       as there is a retired member.

4       (c) If a unit did not establish a 1937 fund for its firefighters, a local  
 5       board shall be composed in the same manner described in  
 6       IC 36-8-7-3(b). However, if there is not a retired member of the  
 7       department, no one shall be appointed to that position until such time  
 8       as there is a retired member.

9       SECTION 10. IC 36-8-8-2.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.135-2024,  
 10      SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11      JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.2. As used in this chapter, "school resource  
 12      officer" **has the meaning means a law enforcement officer:**

- 13       **(1) with sworn authority;**
- 14       **(2) who is trained in school based law enforcement and crisis**  
 15       **response;**
- 16       **(3) who is assigned by a law enforcement agency to work**  
 17       **collaboratively with one (1) or more schools; and**
- 18       **(4) who has satisfied the training requirements** set forth in  
 19       IC 20-26-18.2-1.

20      **The term does not include a law enforcement officer employed by**  
 21      **a school corporation police department established under**  
 22      **IC 20-26-16.**

23      SECTION 11. IC 36-8-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2024,  
 24      SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25      JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) If a town establishes a board of metropolitan  
 26      police commissioners, or if a town becomes a city, the municipality  
 27      shall participate in the 1977 fund and shall enroll all full-time police  
 28      officers and firefighters in the 1977 fund. However, if a police officer  
 29      or former marshal is a member of the public employees' retirement  
 30      fund, the police officer or former marshal may continue as a member  
 31      of that fund instead of the 1977 fund. Notwithstanding the age  
 32      requirements under section 7(a) of this chapter, a police officer or  
 33      former marshal employed by a municipality at the time the  
 34      municipality enters the 1977 fund under this section shall be a member  
 35      of the 1977 fund unless the police officer or former marshal elects to  
 36      continue as a member of the public employees' retirement fund. A  
 37      person may become a member of the 1977 fund under this subsection  
 38      without meeting the age limitation under section 7(a) of this chapter  
 39      only if the person satisfies:

- 40       (1) any aptitude, physical agility, or physical and mental  
 41       standards established by a local board under IC 36-8-3.2; and
- 42       (2) the minimum standards that are:



(A) adopted by the system board under section 19 of this chapter; and

(B) in effect on the date the person becomes a member of the 1977 fund.

Credit for prior service of a person who becomes a member of the 1977 fund under this subsection shall be determined under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter. No service credit beyond that allowed under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter may be recognized under the 1977 fund.

(b) If a unit did not establish a 1937 fund for its firefighters, the unit may participate in the public employees' retirement fund or it may participate in the 1977 fund. If a unit established a 1937 fund for its firefighters, the unit is and shall remain a participant in the 1977 fund.

(c) A unit that:

(1) has not established a pension fund for its firefighters; or

(2) is participating in the public employees' retirement fund under subsection (b);

may participate in the 1977 fund upon approval by the fiscal body, notwithstanding IC 5-10.3-6-8. A unit that participates in the 1977 fund under this subsection must comply with section 21 of this chapter. However, if a police officer or firefighter is a member of the public employees' retirement fund, the police officer or firefighter may continue as a member of that fund instead of the 1977 fund.

(d) If a unit that participates in the 1977 fund provides longevity increases, the amount of the longevity increase provided in a year must be greater than or equal to the amount of the longevity increase provided in the previous year.

(e) An airport authority may participate in the 1977 fund. An airport authority that participates in the 1977 fund under this subsection must comply with section 21 of this chapter. However, if a police officer or firefighter is a member of the public employees' retirement fund, the police officer or firefighter may continue as a member of that fund instead of the 1977 fund.

(f) A school corporation or charter school that:

(1) employs a school resource officer; or

(2) enters into a contract or memorandum of understanding with a **local law enforcement agency to employ a school resource officer;**

(A) local law enforcement agency;

(B) private entity; or

(C) nonprofit corporation;



1 may allow the school resource officer to participate in the 1977 fund.  
 2 A school corporation or charter school that participates in the 1977  
 3 fund employs a school resource officer under this subsection or  
 4 subsection (g) must comply with section 21.5 of this chapter and must  
 5 enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding with a  
 6 local law enforcement agency for the purpose of complying with  
 7 the reporting and payment requirements under sections 6 and 6.5  
 8 of this chapter. However, if a school resource officer is a member of  
 9 the public employees' retirement fund, the school resource officer may  
 10 continue as a member of that fund instead of the 1977 fund.

11 (g) A school resource officer hired or rehired after June 30, 2024,  
 12 who is a member of the 1977 fund shall remain in the 1977 fund.

13 (h) A school corporation or charter school that establishes a  
 14 school police department under IC 20-26-16 may participate in the  
 15 1977 fund. For purposes of this chapter, the term "police officer"  
 16 includes a school police officer who is a member of a school  
 17 corporation or charter school police department that participates  
 18 in the 1977 fund. Notwithstanding the age requirements under  
 19 section 7(a) of this chapter, a school police officer employed by a  
 20 school corporation or charter school at the time the school  
 21 corporation or charter school enters the 1977 fund under this  
 22 section shall be a member of the 1977 fund unless the school  
 23 corporation or charter school elects to continue the school police  
 24 officer as a member of the public employees' retirement fund. A  
 25 school police officer may become a member of the 1977 fund under  
 26 this subsection without meeting the age limitation under section  
 27 7(a) of this chapter only if the school police officer satisfies:

28 (1) any aptitude, physical agility, or physical and mental  
 29 standards established by a local board under IC 36-8-3.2;  
 30 and

31 (2) the minimum standards that are:

32 (A) adopted by the system board under section 19 of this  
 33 chapter; and

34 (B) in effect on the date the school police officer becomes  
 35 a member of the 1977 fund.

36 Credit for prior service of a school police officer who becomes a  
 37 member of the 1977 fund under this subsection shall be determined  
 38 under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter. No service credit beyond  
 39 that allowed under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter may be  
 40 recognized under the 1977 fund.

41 SECTION 12. IC 36-8-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.102-2023,  
 42 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 36-8-4.7 and except as  
 2 provided in subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k), (l), and (m), a police  
 3 officer or a firefighter who:

4 (1) is less than forty (40) years of age; and

5 (2) passes the baseline statewide physical and mental  
 6 examinations required under section 19 of this chapter;

7 shall be a member of the 1977 fund and is not a member of the 1925  
 8 fund, the 1937 fund, or the 1953 fund.

9 (b) A police officer or firefighter with service before May 1, 1977,  
 10 who is hired or rehired after April 30, 1977, may receive credit under  
 11 this chapter for service as a police officer or firefighter prior to entry  
 12 into the 1977 fund if the employer who rehires the police officer or  
 13 firefighter chooses to contribute to the 1977 fund the amount necessary  
 14 to amortize the police officer's or firefighter's prior service liability over  
 15 a period of not more than thirty (30) years, the amount and the period  
 16 to be determined by the system board. If the employer chooses to make  
 17 the contributions, the police officer or firefighter is entitled to receive  
 18 credit for the police officer's or firefighter's prior years of service  
 19 without making contributions to the 1977 fund for that prior service. In  
 20 no event may a police officer or firefighter receive credit for prior years  
 21 of service if the police officer or firefighter is receiving a benefit or is  
 22 entitled to receive a benefit in the future from any other public pension  
 23 plan with respect to the prior years of service.

24 (c) Except as provided in section 18 of this chapter, a police  
 25 officer or firefighter is entitled to credit for all years of service after  
 26 April 30, 1977, with the police or fire department of an employer  
 27 covered by this chapter.

28 (d) A police officer or firefighter with twenty (20) years of service  
 29 does not become a member of the 1977 fund and is not covered by this  
 30 chapter, if the police officer or firefighter:

31 (1) was hired before May 1, 1977;

32 (2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both  
 33 of which were repealed September 1, 1981); and

34 (3) is rehired after April 30, 1977, by the same employer.

35 (e) A police officer or firefighter does not become a member of the  
 36 1977 fund and is not covered by this chapter if the police officer or  
 37 firefighter:

38 (1) was hired before May 1, 1977;

39 (2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both  
 40 of which were repealed September 1, 1981);

41 (3) was rehired after April 30, 1977, but before February 1,



1                   1979; and  
2                   (4) was made, before February 1, 1979, a member of a 1925,  
3                   1937, or 1953 fund.

4 (f) A police officer or firefighter does not become a member of the  
5 1977 fund and is not covered by this chapter if the police officer or  
6 firefighter:

7 (1) was hired by the police or fire department of a unit before  
8 May 1, 1977;

(2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both of which were repealed September 1, 1981);

10 of which were repealed September 1, 1981);  
11 (3) is rehired by the police or fire department of another unit  
12 after December 31, 1981; and

If the police officer or firefighter is made a member of a 1925, 1937, or 1953 fund, the police officer or firefighter is entitled to receive credit for all the police officer's or firefighter's years of service, including years before January 1, 1982.

20 (g) As used in this subsection, "emergency medical services" and  
21 "emergency medical technician" have the meanings set forth in  
22 IC 16-18-2-110 and IC 16-18-2-112. A firefighter who:

23 (1) is employed by a unit that is participating in the 1977 fund;  
24 (2) was employed as an emergency medical technician by a  
25 political subdivision wholly or partially within the department's  
26 jurisdiction;

(3) was a member of the public employees' retirement fund during the employment described in subdivision (2); and

29 (4) ceased employment with the political subdivision and was  
30 hired by the unit's fire department due to the reorganization of  
31 emergency medical services within the department's jurisdiction;

shall participate in the 1977 fund. A firefighter who participates in the 1977 fund under this subsection is subject to sections 18 and 21 of this chapter.

38 (1) a fire chief under a waiver under IC 36-8-4-6(c); or

(2) a police chief under a waiver under IC 36-8-4-6.5(c);

unless the executive of the unit requests that the 1977 fund accept the individual in the 1977 fund and the individual previously was a



1 member of the 1977 fund.

2 (i) A police matron hired or rehired after April 30, 1977, and  
 3 before July 1, 1996, who is a member of a police department in a  
 4 second or third class city on March 31, 1996, is a member of the 1977  
 5 fund.

6 (j) A park ranger who:

7 (1) completed at least the number of weeks of training at the  
 8 Indiana law enforcement academy or a comparable law  
 9 enforcement academy in another state that were required at the  
 10 time the park ranger attended the Indiana law enforcement  
 11 academy or the law enforcement academy in another state;  
 12 (2) graduated from the Indiana law enforcement academy or a  
 13 comparable law enforcement academy in another state; and  
 14 (3) is employed by the parks department of a city having a  
 15 population of more than one hundred ten thousand (110,000) and  
 16 less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000);

17 is a member of the fund.

18 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police  
 19 officer or firefighter:

20 (1) who is a member of the 1977 fund before a consolidation  
 21 under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1;  
 22 (2) whose employer is consolidated into the consolidated law  
 23 enforcement department or the fire department of a consolidated  
 24 city under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1; and  
 25 (3) who, after the consolidation, becomes an employee of the  
 26 consolidated law enforcement department or the consolidated  
 27 fire department under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1;  
 28 is a member of the 1977 fund without meeting the requirements under  
 29 sections 19 and 21 of this chapter.

30 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if:

31 (1) before a consolidation under IC 8-22-3-11.6, a police officer  
 32 or firefighter provides law enforcement services or fire  
 33 protection services for an entity in a consolidated city;  
 34 (2) the provision of those services is consolidated into the law  
 35 enforcement department or fire department of a consolidated  
 36 city; and  
 37 (3) after the consolidation, the police officer or firefighter  
 38 becomes an employee of the consolidated law enforcement  
 39 department or the consolidated fire department under  
 40 IC 8-22-3-11.6;

41 the police officer or firefighter is a member of the 1977 fund without



1 meeting the requirements under sections 19 and 21 of this chapter.

2 (m) A police officer or firefighter who is a member of the 1977

3 fund under subsection (k) or (l) may not be:

4 (1) retired for purposes of section 10 of this chapter; or

5 (2) disabled for purposes of section 12 of this chapter;

6 solely because of a change in employer under the consolidation.

7 (n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and subject

8 to subsection (o), a police officer, **school resource officer**, or

9 firefighter who:

10 (1) is an active member of the 1977 fund with an employer that

11 participates in the 1977 fund;

12 (2) separates from that employer; and

13 (3) not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of

14 the separation described in subdivision (2), becomes employed

15 as a full-time police officer, **school resource officer**, or

16 firefighter with the same or a second employer that participates

17 in the 1977 fund;

18 is a member of the 1977 fund without meeting for a second time the

19 age limitation under subsection (a) and the requirements under sections

20 19 and 21 of this chapter. A police officer, **school resource officer**, or

21 firefighter to whom this subsection applies is entitled to receive credit

22 for all years of 1977 fund covered service as a police officer, **school**

23 **resource officer**, or firefighter with all employers that participate in

24 the 1977 fund.

25 (o) The one hundred eighty (180) day limitation described in

26 subsection (n)(3) does not apply to a member of the 1977 fund who is

27 eligible for reinstatement under IC 36-8-4-11.

28 (p) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a veteran

29 who is:

30 (1) described in IC 36-8-4.7; and

31 (2) employed as a firefighter, **or** police officer, **or** **school**

32 **resource officer**;

33 is a member of the 1977 fund.

34 (q) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and except

35 as provided in subsection (o), a police officer, **school resource officer**,

36 or firefighter who:

37 (1) is an active member of the 1977 fund with an employer that

38 participates in the 1977 fund;

39 (2) separates from that employer; and

40 (3) more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the

41 separation described in subdivision (2), becomes employed as a



1                   full-time police officer, **school resource officer**, or firefighter  
 2                   with the same or a second employer that participates in the 1977  
 3                   fund;

4                   is a member of the 1977 fund without meeting the age limitation under  
 5                   subsection (a) provided the member can accrue twenty (20) years of  
 6                   service credit in the 1977 fund by the time the **police officer, school**  
 7                   **resource officer, or** firefighter becomes sixty (60) years of age. A  
 8                   police officer, **school resource officer**, or firefighter who participates  
 9                   in the 1977 fund under this subsection must pass the baseline statewide  
 10                  physical and mental examination under section 19 of this chapter. A  
 11                  police officer, **school resource officer**, or firefighter to whom this  
 12                  subsection applies is entitled to receive credit for all years of 1977 fund  
 13                  covered service as a police officer, **school resource officer**, or  
 14                  firefighter with all employers that participate in the 1977 fund.

15                  SECTION 13. IC 36-8-8-21.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.135-2024,  
 16                  SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17                  JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 21.5. (a) This section applies to a school resource  
 18                  officer that becomes or remains a member of the 1977 fund under  
 19                  section 3(f) or 3(g) of this chapter.

20                  (b) A school resource officer is a member of the 1977 fund if the  
 21                  school resource officer:

22                   (1) **subject to IC 36-8-4.7-5**, meets the age limitation under  
 23                   section 7(a) of this chapter;  
 24                   (2) passes the baseline statewide physical and mental  
 25                   examinations required under section 19 of this chapter; and  
 26                   (3) meets the training requirements under IC 20-26-18.2-1.

27                  (c) Credit for prior service of a school resource officer who  
 28                  becomes a member of the 1977 fund under this section shall be  
 29                  determined under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter. No service credit  
 30                  beyond that allowed under section 18 or 18.1 of this chapter may be  
 31                  recognized under the 1977 fund.

32                  SECTION 14. IC 36-8-8-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 33                  CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 34                  [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25. (a) **This section applies to a**  
 35                  **school corporation police department established under**  
 36                  **IC 20-26-16.**

37                  (b) **The governing body of one (1) or more school corporations,**  
 38                  **or the equivalent for a charter school, may designate either of the**  
 39                  **following as the local board for a school corporation police**  
 40                  **department:**

41                   (1) **A local board described in section 2.1(a)(1), 2.1(a)(3), or**



1 2.1(a)(4) of this chapter.

2 (2) A board of trustees established under subsection (c).

10 (A) A school superintendent or the school  
11 superintendent's designee, a school fiscal officer or the  
12 school fiscal officer's designee, and a police chief of a  
13 participating school police department, who are ex  
14 officio voting members of the board of trustees.

22 However, for a board of trustees established under this  
23 subsection where there are not sufficient members of a  
24 school police department to appoint a local board of trustees  
25 under this subsection consisting of at least five (5) trustees,  
26 the local board of trustees appointed under this subsection  
27 may be composed of three (3) trustees, those being the  
28 superintendent or the superintendent's designee, the school  
29 fiscal officer or the school fiscal officer's designee, and the  
30 school police department chief. The trustees are selected in  
31 a manner prescribed by the governing body for a school  
32 corporation or the equivalent for a charter school. If the  
33 board of trustees will manage two (2) or more school police  
34 departments, the members shall be selected in a manner  
35 agreed upon by the participating school corporations or  
36 charter schools. The trustees shall serve at the pleasure of  
37 the appointing authority.

40 (3) The trustees receive no pay for their services.

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