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Honorable Carl Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie,

I am pleased to submit the 2015 Annual Report of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees.

My priority as Chairman of the Assembly Governmental Employees Committee has been to support legislation providing benefits that improve the working conditions for our state, county and city workforces while ensuring the benefits are provided for in a matter fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of New York.

In 2015, a number of important bills were chaptered which highlight my priority as chair. For instance, A.5057-A increases the COLA provided to a widow or widower of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, and A.6962 extends the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act until 2020, ensuring the continued assessment and aid of those who worked and volunteered on and after September 11, 2001. Additionally, A.7824-A was chaptered, allowing veterans who miss a civil service examination for active duty training to take a makeup examination. This is just a small sampling of the legislation the Committee has passed this year, highlighting its commitment to the working men and women in our state and the veterans who put their lives on the line.

This annual report will provide greater details on the accomplishments and report on the various other proposals considered by the Committee this year.

I would like to thank the committee members and staff for all their hard work and dedication to our state's public employees. Additionally, I would like to thank the public employee unions and their representatives and the many government officials who helped make this year a successful one. I look forward to continuing to serve as your chair.

I also thank you for your guidance and support which were vital to the accomplishments of the committee during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Abbate, Jr." in a cursive script.

Peter J. Abbate, Jr.
Member of Assembly

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Summary

The Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Employees is responsible for legislation pertaining to civil service law and the public pension systems. Examples of civil service legislation include proposals relating to the rights of governmental employees, such as disciplinary proceedings, transfers and layoffs, the right to organize collective bargaining units, and the ratification of collective bargaining agreements. Proposals amending the public pension systems affect public employees' retirement and disability benefits, qualification for such benefits, and the governing structure of the retirement systems.

During the 2015 Session, 255 legislative proposals were referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees. The Committee reported 70 bills. Of those proposals, 41 passed both Houses. Of those, 28 were chaptered and 10 were vetoed.

2015 CHAPTERS

A.5057-A (Markey) / S.4081-A (Golden) – Chapter 23

This chapter increases the cost of living escalation by a percentage for a widow or widower of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

A.6978 (Markey) / S.4081-A (Golden) – Chapter 28

This chapter extends until July 2017 provisions relating to compulsory arbitration to resolve impasses in collective negotiations between employee organizations and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the New York City Transit Authority, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

A.6962 (Abbate) / S.4711 (Golden) – Chapter 45

This chapter extends the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act until June 10, 2020, allowing the Task Force to continue obtaining data on the prevalence and incidence of illness and disability in September 11th workers; assessing the nature, scope, and magnitude of health impacts based on that data and other evidence; receive and consider reports and testimony to learn more about diagnosis, care, and treatment of September 11th workers; and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on June 1st of each year detailing progress made and recommended strategies for ongoing monitoring and treatment of September 11th workers.

A.7373 (Mayer) / S.4932 (Golden) – Chapter 47

This chapter extends until June 30, 2017 provisions allowing unions and public employers to seek injunctive relief in the face of improper practices in employment relations thus minimizing delays during dispute resolutions and ensuring public services continue without interruption.

A.7670 (Abbate) / S.4982 (Ortt) – Chapter 94

This chapter establishes a more streamlined and efficient way to calculate employer contributions for the New York State and local employees' retirement system and also for local police and fire retirement systems.

PENSION & CIVIL SERVICE LEGISLATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

The following laws pertain to certain New York State Civil Service employees and members of New York State Retirement Systems. In these cases, legislative action must occur to allow these members into certain retirement plans and eligibility into competitive examinations and fields of employment.

A.2158-B (Crouch) / S.1159-B (Libous) – Chapter 108

This chapter authorizes Cole Samsel, who used to be a full-time police officer with the sheriff's department of the County of Chenango, to take the competitive examination for the full-time police officer position in the Village of Oxford if he is less than 40 years of age and fulfills all other merit and fitness requirements.

A.7577-A (Tenney) / S.5062-A (Seward) – Chapter 202

This chapter allows Angelo Gigliotti, who is a part-time police officer in the city of Little Falls, to be eligible for permanent appointment in the competitive class as a full-time police officer, so long as he is under 45 years of age and fulfills all other merit and fitness requirements.

A.7558-A (Tenney) / S.5063-A (Seward) – Chapter 203

This chapter allows Joseph Perri, who is a part-time police officer in the city of Little Falls, to be eligible for permanent appointment in the competitive class as a full-time police officer, so long as he is under 45 years of age and fulfills all other merit and fitness requirements.

A.6800 (Abinanti) / S.4867 (Stewart-Cousins) – Chapter 259

This chapter authorizes the village of Dobbs Ferry to offer the optional 384-d 20 year retirement plan to police officers Michael Marron and Jeffrey Lee who were not able to join the 20 year plan at time of hire due to reasons not ascribable to their own negligence.

A.7604 (Lopez) / S.5539 (Amedore) – Chapter 268

This chapter authorizes Greene County to offer John Del Vecchio a special 20 year retirement plan offered to sheriffs, undersheriffs, and deputy sheriffs.

A.5186 (Ra) / S.3108 (Hannon) – Chapter 277

This chapter authorizes Anthony Baker, a police officer in the Village of Garden City, to opt into a 20 year retirement plan previously made available to him, which he was unable to opt in to for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence.

A.5819 (Paulin) / S.3892 (Latimer) – Chapter 291

This chapter allows the town of Eastchester to offer the optional 20 year retirement plan to Christopher Ryan, who was previously unable to opt into this plan for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence.

A.6641 (Katz) / S.4556 (Murphy) – Chapter 305

This chapter authorizes Maureen Callen to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees' Retirement System.

A.6640 (Katz) / S.4557 (Murphy) – Chapter 306

This chapter authorizes AnnMarie Milano to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees' Retirement System.

A.7475 (Tedisco) / S.5251 (Farley) – Chapter 330

This chapter authorizes the village of Scotia to offer Daniel Marchand a special 20 year retirement plan which he was previously unable to opt into for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence.

A.7799 (Palmesano) / S.5454-A (O'Mara) – Chapter 338

This chapter authorizes the village of Painted Post to offer to police officers Tod Kimmey, Robert Hoffman, and Andrew Rowland an optional 20 year retirement plan which they were previously unable to opt into for reasons not ascribable to their own negligence.

A.7819-A (Palmesano) / S.5455-A (O'Mara) – Chapter 339

This chapter authorizes the village of Bath to offer to police officer Bradley M. Fuerst an optional 20 year retirement plan which he was previously unable to opt into for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence.

A.7800 (Palmesano) / S.5456-A (O'Mara) – Chapter 340

This chapter authorizes Steuben County to offer to deputy sheriffs Kenneth J. Bauch, Brandon L. Brown, Matthew A. Nortarfonzo, Kenneth L. O'Dell, Brooke C. Payne, Michael Z. Ramirez, Matthew L. Sorge, and Alan B. Warriner an optional 25 year retirement plan which they were previously unable to opt into for reasons not ascribable to their own negligence.

A.6569 (Pretlow) / S.4397 (Hassell-Thompson) – Chapter 383

This chapter authorizes the city of Mount Vernon to reopen certain retirement options for police officers Christopher Grico, Wendell Griffin, Patsy Leone, and Jeremy Villanueva, who were not able to previously enroll due to reasons not ascribable to their own negligence.

A.6938 (McDonald) / S.4754 (Breslin) – Chapter 403

This chapter authorizes Jill Alix and Chris Karwiel to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees' Retirement System.

NOTEWORTHY COMMITTEE LEGISLATION

Civil Service Protections

During the 2015 Legislative Session, the Assembly passed legislation that would:

- permit public employees to be excused from work for up to 4 hours on an annual basis for the purpose of cancer screenings
A.409-A (Dinowitz) / S.4894-A (Hannon) – Passed Assembly;
- deem a Port Authority officer who has been in a detective position for 18 months or more to be permanently appointed to the detective position
A.4644 (Abbate) / S.3523 (Golden) – Veto 227;
- This chapter extends until June 30, 2017 provisions allowing unions and public employers to seek injunctive relief in the face of improper practices in employment relations thus minimizing delays during dispute resolutions and ensuring public services continue without interruption.
A.7373 (Mayer) / S.4932 (Golden) – Chapter 47;
- provides bump and retreat rights to members of the labor class in the New York State Civil Service.
A.7094 (Abbate) / S.303 (Espaillat) – Passed Assembly;
- amend public employee whistleblower protection by removing the requirement that an employee give notice to their employer before reporting improper governmental action
A.7951 (Abbate) / S.4628 (Lanza) – Chapter 585.

Fair Wages

The Assembly has long fought to achieve true equity in compensation between employees of different genders, races, or nationalities. In conformity with that goal, the Assembly passed the Pay Equity Legislative Package. This very important series of bills included legislation which would:

- require the state to provide equal pay for equivalent work with “bona fide” exceptions (e.g. seniority) allowed and would require the President of the Civil Service Commission to submit a report of segregated titles within the Civil Service
A.437 (Rosenthal) / S.3249 (Montgomery) – Passed Assembly
- implement a requirement of equal pay for equivalent work and would require local civil service administrations to submit a list of segregated titles to the President of the Civil Service Commission
A.1574 (Jaffee) / S.4936 (Avella) – Passed Assembly;

- direct the Department of Civil Service to study and publish a report evaluating wage disparities related to job titles segregated by sex, race, and/or national origin and develop a plan to address any disparities found
A.5008 (Lifton) / S.3786 (Parker) – Passed Assembly.

Veterans

The Assembly has long been a supporter of our veterans and has fought to provide them with the protections and benefits they need to succeed. In 2015, the Assembly passed legislation that would:

- expand current Military Law by allowing a make-up examination for military personnel who miss a Civil Service examination due to a call to active duty for training
A.7824 (Abbate) / S.4852 (Crocì) – Chapter 404.

Uniformed Employee Benefits

Uniformed public employees, such as police officers and firefighters, perform work that is critical to public safety, yet dangerous to their own wellbeing. The Committee recognizes the sacrifices made by these individuals and therefore supports an enhanced benefit structure, including an earlier retirement age than civilian employees, and an increased accidental disability or death benefit for beneficiaries.

During the 2015 Legislative Session, the Committee continued to support the altruistic efforts of uniformed professionals with noteworthy legislation, including legislation that would:

- allow State University Police Officers to transfer to the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System, to participate in a special plan with a twenty-five year half pay retirement benefit, and grant parity for State University police officers with other police officers by allowing them to laterally transfer to other police forces or departments
A.4519 (Abbate) / S.3221 (Robach) – Chapter 561;
- allow court and peace officers in the unified court system to receive accidental disability benefits if injured in the line of duty as the result of a physical assault by an assailant
A.5290 (Abbate) / S.3947 (Golden) – Veto 206;
- allow a Port Authority officer who has been in a detective position for eighteen months or more to be permanently appointed to the detective position
(A.4644 (Abbate) / S.3523 (Golden) – Veto 227).

APPENDIX A

ALL BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY IN 2015

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A.437/S.3249	Rosenthal/Montgomery - This bill would require the state to provide equal pay for equivalent work with "bona fide" exceptions (e.g. seniority) allowed and would require the President of the Civil Service Commission to submit a report of segregated titles within the Civil Service.	Passed Assembly
A.1574/S.4936	Jaffee/Avella – This bill would implement a requirement of equal pay for equivalent work and would require local civil service administrations to submit a list of segregated titles to the President of the Civil Service Commission.	Passed Assembly
A.2078/S.2016	Zebrowski/Carlucci - This bill would prohibit persons whose primary residence is in a discriminatory jurisdiction from being hired by a public employer in New York State. Under the bill, a discriminatory jurisdiction is defined as those states that ban the employment of New York State residents from state or municipal employment.	Passed Assembly
A.2158-B/S.1159-B	Crouch/Libous - This chapter authorizes Cole Samsel, who used to be a full-time police officer with the sheriff's department of the County of Chenango, to take the competitive examination for the full-time police officer position in the Village of Oxford if he is less than 40 years of age.	Chapter 108
A.3160/S.2062	Crouch/Libous - This bill would authorize Luke Parga, who works for the Department of Transportation and is currently a Tier V member, to be reinstated in Tier IV.	Passed Assembly
A.3879-A/S.1968-A	O'Donnell/Gallivan – This bill would add persons appointed to the title of superintendent who served at least 25 years as a member in the uniformed personnel in institutions under the jurisdiction of the	Passed Assembly

	Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and who elect the retirement plan established by Article 15 of the Retirement and Social Security Law within 90 days of appointment or the effective date of this bill to be covered by such plan.	
A.4519/S.3221	Abbate/Robach – This chapter allows State University Police Officers to transfer to the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System to participate in a special plan with a twenty-five year half pay retirement benefit. In addition, the bill grants State University police officers parity with other police officers by allowing them to laterally transfer to other police forces or departments.	Chapter 561
A.4610/S.3524	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow employees classified as the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Superior Officers Benevolent Association of an MTA-employer to elect to be covered by binding arbitration if they so elect within 90 days of the effective date of this section.	Veto 204
A.4644/S.3523	Abbate/Golden – This bill would deem a Port Authority officer who has been in a detective position for 18 months or more to be permanently appointed to the detective position.	Veto 227
A.5008/S.3786	Lifton/Parker – This bill would direct the Department of Civil Service to study and publish a report evaluating wage disparities related to job titles segregated by sex, race, and/or national origin and develop a plan to address any disparities found.	Passed Assembly
A.5057-A/S.4081-A	Markey/Golden - This chapter increases the cost of living escalation by a percentage for a widow or widower of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.	Chapter 23
A.5186/S.3108	Ra/Hannon – This chapter authorizes Anthony Baker, a police officer in the Village of Garden City, to opt into a 20 year retirement plan previously made available to him, which he was unable to opt in to for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence.	Chapter 277

A.5290/S.3947	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow court and peace officers in the unified court system to receive accidental disability benefits if injured in the line of a duty as the result of a physical assault by an assailant.	Veto 206
A.5303/S.4746	Abbate/Funke – This bill would extend binding arbitration to Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Capitol District Transportation Authority, and the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority.	Passed Assembly
A.5327-C/S.3948-B	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow counties to offer to deputy sheriffs the same 20 year retirement plan offered to sheriffs.	Chapter 542
A.5333/S.4559	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow police agencies to base bump and retreat rights on date of appointment to position rather than date of appointment to Civil Service.	Chapter 525
A.5393/S.3907	Thiele/Lavalle – This bill would allow police and firefighters in Southampton to continue to work until the age of 60.	Chapter 476
A.5819/S.3892	Paulin/Latimer – This chapter allows the town of Eastchester to offer the optional 20 year retirement plan to Christopher Ryan.	Chapter 291
A.6045-B/S.4141-B	Abbate/Golden – This chapter allows the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System to use the date a retirement application is postmarked by the United States Postal Service when a specified dates is required for paperwork to be filed for service credit or system benefits, instead of the date the item is received, but only if the item is actually received by the system.	Chapter 378
A.6175/S.3120	Abbate/Griffo – This bill would extend compulsory arbitration provisions to the New York Power Authority to allow the Authority to resolve impasses in collective negotiations in a faster, more efficient manner.	Passed Assembly
A.6563/S.5359	Abbate/Savino – This bill would refund additional member contributions made by certain transit employees enrolled in the	Passed Assembly

	55/25 or 57/25 plans.	
A.6569/S.4397	Pretlow/Hassell-Thompson – This chapter authorizes the city of Mount Vernon to reopen certain retirement options for police officers Christopher Grieco, Wendell Griffin, Patsy Leone, and Jeremy Villanueva, who were not able to previously enroll due to reasons not ascribable to their own negligence.	Chapter 383
A.6612/S.4001	Abbate/Ortt – This bill would create a new special retirement plan to be offered at counties election for county correction officers or deputy sheriffs who are engaged directly in correction officer duties that, in the aggregate, are 50% of their duties. The plan would allow for retirement after 20 years of service or at the age of 62.	Passed Assembly
A.6640/S.4557	Katz/Murphy – This chapter authorizes AnnMarie Milano to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees’ Retirement System.	Chapter 306
A.6641/S.4556	Katz/Murphy – This chapter authorizes Maureen Callen to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees’ Retirement System	Chapter 305
A.6644-B/S.5920	Englebright/Boyle – This bill would require that when a prospective employer requests a 211 waiver on behalf of a retired prospective employee who is a member of the New York State Employees’ Retirement System, approval for such request must be granted for the period of time requested.	Passed Assembly
A.6771-A/S.4907	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow a peace officer employed by the unified court system to retire without reduction or his or her retirement benefit upon attainment of at least 55 years of age and completion of 30 or more years of service.	Veto 209
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A.6868-A/S.4005	Abbate/Golden - This bill would permit the state's public retirement systems to increase the amount of their funds' assets that can be invested in foreign equity securities from 10% to 12 ½%.	Veto 234
A.6869/S.4006	Abbate/Golden – This bill would change the interest rate used for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System lump sum payment of de minimis service retirement benefits and loans to an average annual interest on 10 year US treasury bonds during the calendar year that precedes the calendar year in which the retirement becomes effective instead of the interest rate on 10 year US treasury bonds as of January 1 st .	Chapter 479
A.6938/S.4754	McDonald/Breslin – This bill would authorize Jill Alix and Chris Karwiel to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees' Retirement System.	Chapter 403
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A.6942/S.4756	McDonald/Breslin – This bill would authorize Jessica Strizzi to be reinstated in Tier IV in the New York State Employees' Retirement System.	Veto 217
A.6962/S.4711	Abbate/Golden – This chapter extends the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act until June 10, 2020, allowing the Task Force to continue obtaining data on the prevalence and incidence of illness and disability in September 11th workers; assessing the nature, scope, and magnitude of health impacts based on that data and other evidence; receive and consider reports and testimony to learn more about diagnosis, care, and treatment of September 11th workers; and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on June 1st of each year detailing progress made and recommended strategies for ongoing monitoring and treatment of September 11th workers.	Chapter 45
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A.7490/S.3010	Abbate/Young – This bill would allow participating employers in the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System to elect to offer an optional, non-contributory 20 year plan.	Veto 292
A.7547/S.5785	Abbate/Golden – This bill would allow police officers with past service in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Long Island Rail Road, or the Metro-North to have such service transferred to their current retirement system.	Chapter 533
A.7558-A/S.5063-A	Tenney/Seward - This chapter allows Joseph Perri, who is a part-time police officer in the city of Little Falls, to be eligible for permanent appointment in the competitive class as a full-time police officer, so long as he is under 45 years of	Chapter 203

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	miss a Civil Service examination due to a call to active duty for training.	
A.7834/S.5692	DenDekker/Savino – This bill would clarify that wages excluded for the purpose of calculating the final average salary for Tier VI members due to multiple employers only applies to salaries earned concurrently. It also amends the definition of plan year for Tier VI members to coincide with the calendar year.	Chapter 510
A.7940/S.5796	Abbate/Savino – This bill would give bump and retreat rights to members of the labor class who are Assistant Highway Maintainers (AHM) who are offered exams to promote into the competitive class title of Highway Maintainer.	Veto 219
A.7951/S.4628	Abbate/Lanza – This chapter amends public employee whistleblower protection by removing the requirement that an employee give notice to their employer before reporting improper governmental action.	Chapter 585

APPENDIX B

ALL BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 2015

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**2015 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES**

<u>FINAL ACTION</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY BILLS</u>	<u>SENATE BILLS</u>	<u>TOTAL BILLS</u>
<u>Bills Reported With or Without Amendment</u>			
To Floor; not returning to Committee	9		9
To Floor; recommitted and died	0		0
To Ways and Means	50		50
To Codes	5		5
To Rules	6		6
To Judiciary	0		0
Total	70		70
<u>Bills having Committee Reference Changed</u>			
To Ways and Means	7		7
Total	7		7
<u>Senate Bills Substituted or Recalled</u>			
Substituted		9	9
Recalled		0	0
Total		9	9
<u>Bills Defeated in Committee</u>	0	0	0
<u>Bills Never Reported, Held in Committee</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>196</u>
<u>Bills Never Reported, Died in Committee</u>	0	0	0
<u>Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken</u>	4	0	4
<u>Motion to Discharge Lost</u>	0	0	0
TOTAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE	255	30	286
Total Number of Committee Meetings Held	6		