



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 236

November 28, 2016

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bills:

Assembly Bill Number 3160-A, entitled:

“AN ACT in relation to granting Luke Parga tier IV status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system with a membership date of 2006”

Assembly Bill Number 7146-A, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to accidental disability retirement”

Assembly Bill Number 9199, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to accidental disability retirement for uniformed court officers and peace officers employed in the unified court system”

Assembly Bill Number 9440, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to eligibility for retirement benefits for certain members of the unified court system”

Assembly Bill Number 10014-A, entitled:

“AN ACT in relation to granting Kevin Moriarty Tier IV status in the New York state teachers' retirement system”

Assembly Bill Number 10614, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to disability benefits for firefighters employed by the division of military and naval affairs”

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bills:

Senate Bill Number 4001-B, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to providing county correction officers with a special optional twenty year retirement plan”

Senate Bill Number 7023, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to authorizing participating employers in the New York state and local police and fire retirement system offering an optional twenty year

retirement plan for its police officers and firefighters, to offer such plan on a non-contributory basis”

Senate Bill Number 7056, entitled:

“AN ACT to provide for an increased death benefit for the survivors of a deceased police officer”

NOT APPROVED

These bills would provide retirement benefit enhancements to State and local employees without offering any funding sources to cover their costs in the current fiscal year or in future years.

I have vetoed similar or identical bills for the past several years, because the costs imposed were not accounted for in the State’s financial plan. This would necessarily impose a substantial, and unplanned, burden on New York State taxpayers. Moreover, the fixed costs associated with pension enhancements negatively impact the State’s economic competitiveness and hinder the ability of local governments to deliver vital services within current property tax levels.

Finally, the costs of these bills cannot be considered in a vacuum. In order to provide all of the benefits associated with the above-referenced bills, the State and its localities would be required to pay a combined, estimated total of over \$278 million in near-term costs and \$765 million in long-term costs. These costs must be addressed in the context of the annual budget negotiations. I am therefore compelled to veto these bills.

These bills are disapproved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'A' and a cursive 'Cuomo'.