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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 59,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

Employees in the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) provide training and technical assistance to emergency response professionals in local government. They also mirror responsibilities of local fire professionals, performing in the field inspections and maintaining readiness 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to respond to fire and other emergencies. For example, OFPC is part of the NYS Incident Management Team, which responds to disasters nationwide. OFPC employees also participated in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center.

Unlike their colleagues in local government, however, OFPC employees are not part of the Police and Fire Retirement System (P&FRS). They instead participate in the Employees Retirement System (ERS), which precludes them from reduced service requirement pensions as well as enhanced accidental disability benefits that recognize the unique demands and dangers to which police and fire professionals are subject. This bill would transfer OFPC titles from the ERS to the P&FRS, to ensure that their benefits are reflective of their duties.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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