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December 15, 2014

Honorable Sheldon Silver  
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Dear Speaker Silver,

I am pleased to submit the 2014 Annual Report of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees.

My priority as Chairman of the Assembly Governmental Employees Committee has been to support legislation to provide 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 2014, a number of important bills were chaptered which highlight my priority as chair such as A.8484, which increases the COLA provided to a widow or widower of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty and A.9562, which ensures that public employees who suffered injuries or illness associated with the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center are able to apply for disability benefits. Additionally, A.6914A, which allows certain retirement service credit for veterans who were called to active duty on or after September 11, was chaptered highlighting the committee's dedication to New York's veterans.

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 2014 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Abbate Jr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Peter J. Abbate, Jr.  
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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 2014 Session, 295 legislative proposals were referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees. The Committee reported 93 bills. Of those proposals, 57 passed both Houses. Of those, 38 were chaptered and 19 were vetoed.

## **2014 CHAPTERS**

### **A.8396 (Abbate) / S.6178 (Golden) – Chapter 1**

This chapter allows children of police and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty as a result of the events on 9/11, who would have been eligible for additional credit on a civil service exam to receive credits according to Chapter 376 of 2013.

### **A.8484 -A (Markey) / S.6767-A (Golden) – Chapter 104**

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.9952 (Abbate) / S.7756 (Golden) – Chapter 135**

This chapter allows, upon election by an employer, a lump sum retirement payment to certain sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and correction officers.

### **A.10019 (Abbate) / S.7815 (Flanagan) – Chapter 136**

This chapter expands Chapter 675 of the laws of 1984 to include statewide officials. Under current law, teachers elected as collective negotiating agents in a local union are granted a leave of absence with full salary. This bill would expand the current law to include statewide affiliates.

### **A.8602 (Magnarelli) / S.6253 (Flanagan) – Chapter 147**

This chapter amends Chapter 547 of the laws of 2013 to provide clarity regarding when the Department of Civil Service must provide participating public employers participating in NYSHIP information relating to the use of benefits, claims data and premium payments.

**A.9059 (Abbate) / S.7664 (Golden) – Chapter 179**

This chapter allows representatives holding the title of pilot or marine engineer appointed by the president of the uniformed firefighters association of greater NY to cast a one-half vote on the Fire Department of New York's pension fund subchapter two board of trustees.

**A.9970 (Abbate) / S.7810 (Golden) – Chapter 284**

This chapter extends the time period in which the Department of City Administrative Services may implement a plan to reduce the number of provisional employees.

**A.8493 (Cahill) / S.6330 (Golden) – Chapter 299**

This chapter clarifies that municipal Civil Service Commissions have the authority to hold promotional examinations and create promotional lists from such examinations for Director of Facilities positions I, II, and III. The qualifications for promotion to those positions must be consistent with the statewide eligibility criteria for those positions.

**A.9987 (Abbate) / S.7692 (Savino) – Chapter 319**

This chapter allows the disclosure of records or personal information belonging to a "data subject" (generally, an employee of a state agency, board, public authority, etc.) to any of the New York City Retirement System's without requiring a written request or consent from the data subject if the information being sought is necessary to process statutory pension benefits.

**A.9986 (Abbate) / S.7693 (Savino) – Chapter 320**

This chapter authorizes the New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS) to provide the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) with an electronic record of the injured employees to whom benefit payments were paid or advanced and whose benefit payments are offset by Workers' Compensation benefits with the requirement that the WCB verify which injured employees have been awarded Workers' Compensation benefits and return the listing to NYCERS with certain information related to their awards no later than fourteen days after its receipt.

**A.8889 (Englebright) / S.6701 (LaValle) – Chapter 368**

This chapter authorizes Suffolk County to transfer approximately thirty-four park police officers to the position of Suffolk County police officers without further examination.

**A.9596 (Kolb) / S.7267 (Nozzolio) – Chapter 395**

This chapter deems part-time police officers in the town of Seneca Falls as non-competitive positions for purposes of civil service.

**A.6914-A (Rosenthal) / S.4819-A (Lanza) – Chapter 427**

This chapter provides non-contributory retirement service credit for any member of the New York City Retirement System who was called to active military duty on or after September 11, 2001.

**A.8486 (Ryan) / S.3721-A (Maziarz) – Chapter 442**

This chapter provides retired members of the Niagara Frontier Metro System who transferred to the New York State Employee Retirement System in 1996 credit for their service prior to the transfer that would otherwise not be calculated towards their current pension.

**A.9392 (Abbate) / S.7120 (Golden) – Chapter 468**

This chapter automatically enrolls all police officers and fire fighters who are hired on or after January 1, 2015, in the twenty year retirement plan when employers have opted in. These employees would have the option to withdraw from such plan.

**A.9562-A (Abbate) / S.7628-A (Golden) – Chapter 472**

This chapter addresses the limitations in existing disability provisions intended to protect public employees who suffered injuries or illnesses associated with the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, survivor rescue, and recovery and cleanup operations.

**A.9367 (Abbate) / S.6998 (Savino) – Chapter 499**

This chapter requires municipal civil service commissions to treat non-competitive class employees with disabilities who were hired under the 55-a program, as competitive class employees in regards to lay-off and seniority rights and protections.

**A.8055-A (Abbate) / S.5814-A (Lanza) – Chapter 515**

This chapter prohibits Medicaid cost recovery provisions from applying to certain retired New York City Off-Track Betting employees.

**A.9045 (Abbate) / S.6799 (Golden) – Chapter 521**

This chapter provides sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, undersheriffs and correction officers in Westchester County a three-fourths disability benefit for injuries sustained in the performance of duties that are a result of an intentional or reckless act of any civilian visiting or otherwise present at a correctional institution.

**A.9051 (Abbate) / S.6810 (Martins) – Chapter 522**

This chapter provides Nassau County ambulance medical technician supervisors, ambulance medical technician coordinators and ambulance medical technicians with disability benefits, for



injuries suffered during job performance. Upon filing with the Office of the State Comptroller and found eligible for such disability retirement benefits, the employee may retire at three-fourths of his or her final average salary.

### **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.7478-B (Santabarbara) / S.5676-B (Tkaczyk) - Chapter 96**

This chapter authorizes the city of Amsterdam, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such city, to offer such plan to police officer Joel Lochner.

#### **A.9099 (Cahill) / S.6802 (Bonacic) - Chapter 114**

This chapter provides Ronald Stroh with the opportunity to take the competitive civil service examination for the position of police officer, and upon the determination of his score, become eligible to be placed on the eligibility list for appointment as a full-time patrolman in the town of New Paltz, granted that he has met all other merit and fitness requirements of the civil service laws.

#### **A.9337 (Skartados) / S.6915 (Larkin) - Chapter 118**

This chapter authorizes the town of Marlborough, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such town, to offer such plan to police officers Arthur Terwilliger and Charles Hoffman.

#### **A.8662 (Paulin) / S.5994 (Latimer) - Chapter 143**

This chapter authorizes the village of Tuckahoe, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such village, to offer such plan to police officer Christopher J. Santiago.

#### **A.9582 (Giglio) / S.7086 (Young) - Chapter 169**

This chapter authorizes the village of Alfred to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Ryan McKee upon filing with the Office of the State Comptroller on or before June 30, 2015.

**A.9993 (Katz) / S.7365 (Ball) - Chapter 174**

This chapter authorizes the town of Carmel, in the county of Putnam, to offer police officers Robert Behan and James Evans an optional twenty year retirement plan.

**A.9841 (Skoufis) / S.7616 (Larkin) - Chapter 175**

This chapter authorizes the town of Stony Point to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to police officers Dennis Tobin, Thomas Clarke, and Christopher Schulok upon filing a request to that effect with the state comptroller on or before June 30, 2015.

**A. 9845 (Roberts) / S. 7646 (DeFrancisco) - Chapter 178**

This chapter authorizes the DeWitt fire district, town of DeWitt, county of Onondaga, to offer the twenty year retirement plan to firefighters Gavin J. MacLachlin and Michael E. O'Connor.

**A.9907 (Morelle) / S.7683 (O'Brien) - Chapter 180**

This chapter authorizes the city of Rochester, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such city, to offer such plan to firefighters Robert J. Anderson, Edmond Kaspar, Kevin Magin, Jeremy Schaeffer, John Semmler and Timothy Warth.

**A.8932 (Buchwald) / S.6824 (Latimer) - Chapter 210**

This bill would allow Nancy Porretto, an employee of the Bedford Central School District, to apply for retroactive Tier IV status in the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System as of September 1, 2005 if she files an application with the Office of the State Comptroller on or before December 31, 2014.

**A.9622 (Englebright) / S.7399 (LaValle) - Chapter 237**

This chapter grants Nicole Steinberg Tier IV status and deems her to have been a member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System as of September 13, 2007 if she files an application with the head of the NYSTRS within one year of the effective date of this chapter.

**A.9820-A (Steck) / S.7514-A (Farley) - Chapter 238**

This chapter grants retroactive membership with Tier II status to Vincent Verret and deems him to have been a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement as of August 19, 2007.

**A.9882 (Roberts) / S.7635 (DeFrancisco) - Chapter 239**

John J. Ginestro's application for Tier V retirement membership was filed after the filing date. This chapter corrects that error.

**A.6812 (Crouch) / S.4096 (Libous) - Chapter 290**

This chapter authorizes the village of Deposit to hire Jay Vandermark, Jr. as a part-time village police officer without requiring him to take a competitive examination.

**A.7533-B (Zebrowski) / S.5058-B (Carlucci) - Chapter 460**

This chapter authorizes New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to transfer Lauren Barsamian's service credit to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System upon application by Beth Barsamian.

**A.9812 (Zebrowski) / S.7547-A (Gallivan) - Chapter 503**

This chapter allows the widow of Richard O'Brien to file a state police disability retirement benefit application.

**A.9237 (McDonald) / S.6935 (Breslin) - Chapter 523**

This chapter grants Tier V status to Kirsten Mason, Laura Strizzi, Christian Ward and Austin Horton upon receipt of their applications.

**A.9944 (Lavine)/S.7644 (Marcellino) - Chapter 530**

This chapter authorizes Darwyn Byer to apply for accidental disability benefits.

**Noteworthy Committee Legislation**

**Civil Service Protections**

During the 2014 Legislative Session, the Assembly passed legislation that would:

- provide that members of the labor class, who have taken a promotional exam and have been promoted into the competitive class, and who are then suspended or displaced, can retain positions in the same lay-off unit in the next lower occupied title  
(A.7218 (Abbate) / S.7599 (Espaillat) – Passed Assembly);
- require municipal civil service commissions to treat non-competitive class employees with disabilities who were hired under the 55-a program, as competitive class employees in regards to lay-off and seniority rights and protections  
(A.9367 (Abbate) / S.6998 (Savino) – Chapter 499);
- provide therapists employed by the City School District of the City of New York prior to January 1, 2014, the service credit and rights and benefits of bump and retreat and seniority that therapists hired after this date receive  
(A.9540-A (Abbate) / S.7226-A (Golden) – Veto 551);
- extend the deadline for filing for disability retirement for fire fighters filing for melanoma or cancer affecting the lymphatic, digestive, hematological, urinary, neurological, breast, reproductive, or prostate systems, resulting in total or partial disability or death  
(A.9541 (Abbate) / S.7176-A (Golden) –Veto 565);

- authorize public employers to keep permanent employees, who have been involuntarily transferred or reassigned, on the promotional eligibility lists they were on prior to the transfer or reassignment  
(A.9493 (Abbate) / S.7274 (Golden) – Veto 504); and
- expand chapter 675 of the laws of 1984 to include statewide officials, allowing teachers elected as collective negotiating agents in a local union a leave of absence with full salary  
(A.10019 (Abbate) / S.7815 (Flanagan) – Chapter 136).

### 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 2014, the Assembly passed legislation that would:

- provide non-contributory retirement service credit for any member of the New York City Retirement System who was called to active military duty on or after September 11, 2001  
(A.6914-A (Rosenthal) / S.4819-A (Lanza) – Chapter 427);
- provide up to three years of service credit for all members of the New York State Employees' Retirement System/Police and Fire Retirement System/Teachers' Retirement System who served during peacetime  
(A.6974-B (Paulin) / S.7839 (Larkin) – Veto 484); and
- amend military service credit provisions to include conflicts in Afghanistan, allowing service members to purchase service credit in the public retirement systems of the state for his or her period of military service in Afghanistan  
(A.7632-D (Magnarelli) / S.5745-B (Ball) – Passed Assembly).

### 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 2013 – 14 Legislative Session, the Committee continued to support the altruistic efforts of uniformed professionals with noteworthy legislation, including legislation that would:

- 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.7017 (Abbate) / S.4667 (Golden) – Passed Assembly);
- provide Suffolk County Probation Officers with a performance of duty disability retirement equal to one-half of their final average salary  
(A.8160-A (Sweeney) / S.5153-A (Flanagan) – Veto 559);
- grant Tier V members of the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System the option to elect for a twenty year non-contributory retirement plan if such employee is not currently working under a collective bargaining agreement that authorizes such a plan  
(A.9162 (Abbate) / S.7716 (Young) – Veto 548);
- provide sworn police officers in the state university police, state environmental police, state park police, and state forest rangers with binding arbitration rights for issues relating

to compensation, including, but not limited to, job security, disciplinary procedures and actions, deployment and scheduling, or issues relating to eligibility for overtime compensation

(A.9391-B (Abbate) / S.7095-B (Golden) – Passed Assembly);

- automatically enroll all police officers and firefighters who are hired on or after January 1, 2015, in the twenty year retirement plan when employers have opted in. These employees would have the option to withdraw from such plan

(A.9392 (Abbate) / S.7120 (Golden) – Chapter 468);

- provide that any member of a New York City or local municipal police force will not be required to serve in an undercover assignment or capacity for more than thirty-six months in aggregate

(A.9564 (Lentol) / S.6726 (Golden) – Veto 505); and

- allow, upon election by an employer, a lump sum retirement payment to certain sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and correction officers

(A.9952 (Abbate) / S.7756 (Golden) - Chapter 135).

**APPENDIX A**

**ALL BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 2014**

A.5899/S.4095	<b>Skoufis/Robach</b> - This bill would make provisions for wages and medical expenses paid for peace officers employed by the division of parole while subject to illness or injury.	Veto 516
A.6780-A/S.3867-A	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would allow State Correction Officers and Security Hospital Treatment Assistants to defer five days of vacation every year and be reimbursed for them upon retirement.	Veto 557
A.6974 B/S.7839	<b>Paulin/Larkin</b> - This bill would provide up to three years of service credit for all members of the New York State Employees' Retirement System/Police and Fire Retirement System/Teachers' Retirement System who served during peacetime.	Veto 484
A.7018/S.4824	<b>Abbate/Savino</b> - This bill would give a town board the power to suspend, without pay, pending the trial of charges, any member of such police department for no longer than thirty days.	Veto 490
A.7128-B/S.6757-A	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would allow court officers and peace officers in the unified court system to receive an accidental disability retirement allowance if injured as the result of a physical assault by an assailant, suffered while in service.	Veto 562
A.7140-A/S.4888-A	<b>Pretlow/Stewart-Cousins</b> - This bill would allow Peter DiMario to apply for disability benefits from the New York City Employees' Retirement System.	Veto 558
A.7862-A/S.5644-A	<b>Abbate/Robach</b> - This bill 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. 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.	Veto 539
A.8160-A/S.5153-A	<b>Sweeney/Flanagan</b> - This bill would provide Suffolk County Probation Officers with a performance of duty disability retirement equal to one-half of their final average salary.	Veto 559
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A.9573/S.7009	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would require New York City fire fighters to complete at least forty hours of building and construction code training.	Veto 521
A.9853/S.7801	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would repeal or modify any general, special, or local law or charter relating to disciplinary procedures of competitive employees in the civil service.	Veto 589
A.9958/S.7757	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would allow any Tier VI member who is a uniformed court officer or peace officer employed by the unified court system to retire without early age reduction.	Veto 568

## APPENDIX B

### ALL BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY IN 2014

A.866/S.5380	<b>Weprin/Sanders</b> - This bill would allow New York City police officers who sustained a hearing related injury and require the use of a hearing assisted device due to such injury, to remain on active duty if the officer can fully perform their police duties.	Passed Assembly
A.2828/S.1841	<b>Wright/Parker</b> - This bill would direct the president of the state civil service commission to publish reports relating to diversity within the state government.	Passed Assembly
A.5899-A/S.4095	<b>Skoufis/Robach</b> - This bill would make provisions for wages and medical expenses paid for peace officers employed by the division of parole while subject to illness or injury.	Veto 516
A.6761/S.5008	<b>Abbate/Lanza</b> - This bill would provide for paid time off for port authority of New York and New Jersey police officers who become ill or injured while in the performance of their duties as to necessitate medical or other remedial treatment. However, this bill would only take effect once similar legislation is enacted in New Jersey.	Passed Assembly
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A.8486/S.3721-A	<b>Ryan/Maziarz</b> – This chapter provides retired members of the Niagara Frontier Metro System who transferred to the New York State Employee Retirement System in	Chapter 442

	1996 credit for their service prior to the transfer that would otherwise not be calculated towards their current pension.	
A.8493/S.6330	<b>Cahill/Golden</b> - This chapter clarifies that municipal Civil Service Commissions have the authority to hold promotional examinations and create promotional lists from such examinations for Director of Facilities positions I, II, and III. The qualifications for promotion to those positions must be consistent with the statewide eligibility criteria for those positions.	Chapter 299
A.8602/S.6253	<b>Magnarelli/Flanagan</b> - This chapter amends Chapter 547 of the laws of 2013 to provide clarity regarding when the Department of Civil Service must provide public employers participating in NYSHIP information relating to the use of benefits, claims data and premium payments.	Chapter 147
A.8662/S.5994	<b>Paulin/Latimer</b> - This chapter authorizes the village of Tuckahoe, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such village, to offer such plan to police officer Christopher J. Santiago.	Chapter 143
A.8814-B/S.7419-B	<b>Crouch/Libous</b> - This bill would grant Luke Parga retroactive Tier IV status, upon filing with the Office of the State Comptroller.	Passed Assembly
A.8889/S.6701	<b>Englebright/LaValle</b> - This chapter authorizes Suffolk County to transfer approximately thirty-four park police officers to the position of Suffolk County police officers without further examination.	Chapter 368
A.8932/S.6824	<b>Buchwald/Latimer</b> - This chapter allows Nancy Porretto, an employee of the Bedford Central School District, to apply for retroactive Tier IV status in the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System as of September 1, 2005 if she files an application with the Office of the State Comptroller on or before December 31, 2014.	Chapter 210
A.9007/S.6756	<b>Abbate/Addabbo</b> - This bill would require	Passed Assembly

	an arbitration panel to consider qualifications and training requirements for Bridge and Tunnel Officers.	
A.9045/S.6799	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter provides sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, undersheriffs and correction officers in Westchester County a three-fourths disability benefit for injuries sustained in the performance of duties that are a result of an intentional or reckless act of any civilian visiting or otherwise present at a correctional institution.	Chapter 521
A.9051/S.6810	<b>Abbate/Martins</b> - This chapter provides Nassau County ambulance medical technician supervisors, ambulance medical technician coordinators and ambulance medical technicians with disability benefits, for injuries suffered during job performance. Upon filing with the Office of the State Comptroller and found eligible for such disability retirement benefits, the employee may retire at three-fourths of his or her final average salary.	Chapter 522
A.9059/S.7664	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter allows representatives holding the title of pilot or marine engineer appointed by the president of the uniformed firefighters association of greater NY to cast a one-half vote on the Fire Department of New York's pension fund subchapter two board of trustees.	Chapter 179
A.9099/S.6802	<b>Cahill/Bonacic</b> – This chapter provides Ronald Stroh with the opportunity to take the competitive civil service examination for the position of police officer, and upon the determination of his score, become eligible to be placed on the eligibility list for appointment as a full-time patrolman in the town of New Paltz, granted that he has met all other merit and fitness requirements of the civil service laws.	Chapter 114
A.9157-A/S.7750	<b>Zebrowski/Carlucci</b> - This bill would prohibit persons, whose primary residence is in a discriminatory jurisdiction, from being hired by a public employer in the state of New York.	Passed Assembly
A.9162/S.7716	<b>Abbate/Young</b> - This bill would grant Tier V members of the New York State Police	Veto 548

	and Fire Retirement System the option to elect for a twenty year non-contributory retirement plan if such employee is not currently working under a collective bargaining agreement that authorizes such a plan.	
A.9235/S.6937	<b>McDonald/Breslin</b> - This bill would grant Tier IV status to Jill Alix, Chris Karwiel, Jessica Strizzi and Taryn Ward upon receipt of their applications.	Veto 563
A.9236/S.6936	<b>McDonald/Breslin</b> - This bill would grant Tier IV status to Brian Stebbins upon receipt of his application.	Veto 549
A.9237/S.6935	<b>McDonald/Breslin</b> - This chapter grants Tier V status to Kirsten Mason, Laura Strizzi, Christian Ward and Austin Horton upon receipt of their applications.	Chapter 523
A.9337/S.6915	<b>Skartados/Larkin</b> - This chapter authorizes the town of Marlborough, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such town, to offer such plan to police officers Arthur Terwilliger and Charles Hoffman.	Chapter 118
A.9344/S.7072	<b>Farrell/DeFrancisco</b> - This bill would establish a special commission on compensation for state employees designated managerial or confidential and provides for its powers and duties.	Veto 550
A.9367/S.6998	<b>Abbate/Savino</b> - This chapter requires municipal civil service commissions to treat non-competitive class employees with disabilities who were hired under the 55-a program, as competitive class employees in regards to lay-off and seniority rights and protections.	Chapter 499
A.9391-B/S.7095-B	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would provide sworn police officers in the state university police, state environmental police, state park police, and state forest rangers with binding arbitration rights for issues relating to compensation, including, but not limited to, job security, disciplinary procedures and actions, deployment and scheduling, or issues relating to eligibility for overtime compensation.	Passed Assembly

A.9392/S.7120	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter automatically enrolls all police officers and firefighters who are hired on or after January 1, 2015, in the twenty year retirement plan when employers have opted in. These employees would have the option to withdraw from such plan.	Chapter 468
A.9493/S.7274	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would authorize public employers to keep permanent employees, who have been involuntarily transferred or reassigned, on the promotional eligibility lists they were on prior to the transfer or reassignment.	Veto 504
A.9540-A/S.7226-A	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would provide therapists employed by the City School District of the City of New York prior to January 1, 2014, the service credit and rights and benefits of bump and retreat and seniority that therapists hired after this date receive.	Veto 551
A.9541/S.7176-A	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would extend the deadline for filing for disability retirement for firefighters filing for melanoma or cancer affecting the lymphatic, digestive, hematological, urinary, neurological, breast, reproductive, or prostate systems, resulting in total or partial disability or death.	Veto 565
A.9562-A/S.7628-A	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter addresses the limitations in existing disability provisions intended to protect public employees who suffered injuries or illnesses associated with the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, survivor rescue, and recovery and cleanup operations.	Chapter 472
A.9564/S.6726	<b>Lentol/Golden</b> - This bill would provide that any member of a New York City or local municipal police force will not be required to serve in an undercover assignment or capacity for more than thirty-six months in aggregate.	Veto 505
A.9573/S.7009	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would require New York City firefighters to complete at least forty hours of building and construction code training.	Veto 521
A.9582/S.7086	<b>Giglio/Young</b> – This chapter authorizes the village of Alfred to offer an optional twenty	Chapter 169

	year retirement plan to police officer Ryan McKee upon filing with the Office of the State Comptroller on or before June 30, 2015.	
A.9596/S.7267	<b>Kolb/Nozzolio</b> – This chapter deems part-time police officers in the town of Seneca Falls as non-competitive positions for purposes of civil service.	Chapter 395
A.9622/S.7399	<b>Englebright/LaValle</b> - This chapter grants Nicole Steinberg Tier IV status and deems her to have been a member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System as of September 13, 2007 if she files an application with the head of the NYSTRS within one year of the effective date of this chapter.	Chapter 237
A.9748/S.7544	<b>Abbate/Savino</b> – This bill would provide for the refund of certain member contributions made under the transit 57/25 program.	Passed Assembly
A.9812/S.7547-A	<b>Zebrowski/Gallivan</b> - This chapter allows the widow of Richard O'Brien to file a state police disability retirement benefit application.	Chapter 503
A.9820-A/S.7514-A	<b>Steck/Farley</b> – This chapter grants retroactive membership with Tier II status to Vincent Verret and deems him to have been a member of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement as of August 19, 2007.	Chapter 238
A.9841/S.7616	<b>Skoufis/Larkin</b> - This chapter authorizes the town of Stony Point to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to police officers Dennis Tobin, Thomas Clarke, and Christopher Schulok upon filing a request to that effect with the state comptroller on or before June 30, 2015.	Chapter 175
A.9845/S.7646	<b>Roberts/DeFrancisco</b> - This chapter authorizes the DeWitt fire district, town of DeWitt, county of Onondaga, to offer the twenty year retirement plan to firefighters Gavin J. MacLachlin and Michael E. O'Connor.	Chapter 178

A.9853/S.7801	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> – This bill would repeal or modify any general, special, or local law or charter relating to disciplinary procedures of competitive employees in the civil service.	Veto 589
A.9882/S.7635	<b>Roberts/DeFrancisco</b> - John J. Ginestro’s application for Tier V retirement membership was filed after the filing date. This chapter corrects that error.	Chapter 239
A.9907/S.7683	<b>Morelle/O’Brien</b> - This chapter authorizes the city of Rochester, which previously elected to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to firefighters and police officers employed by such city, to offer such plan to firefighters Robert J. Anderson, Edmond Kaspar, Kevin Magin, Jeremy Schaeffer, John Semmler and Timothy Warth.	Chapter 180
A.9944/S.7644	<b>Lavine/Marcellino</b> - This chapter authorizes Darwyn Byer to apply for accidental disability benefits.	Chapter 530
A.9952/S.7756	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter allows, upon election by an employer, a lump sum retirement payment to certain sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and correction officers.	Chapter 135
A.9958/S.7757	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This bill would allow any Tier VI member who is a uniformed court officer or peace officer employed by the unified court system to retire without early age reduction upon attaining thirty years of creditable service and at age fifty-five. It would also reduce the normal retirement age from sixty-three to sixty-two.	Veto 568
A.9970/S.7810	<b>Abbate/Golden</b> - This chapter extends the time period in which the Department of City Administrative Services may implement a plan to reduce the number of provisional employees.	Chapter 284
A.9986/S.7693	<b>Abbate/Savino</b> - This chapter authorizes the New York City Employees’ Retirement System (NYCERS) to provide the Workers’ Compensation Board (WCB) with an electronic record of the injured employees	Chapter 320



	to whom benefit payments were paid or advanced and whose benefit payments are offset by Workers' Compensation benefits with the requirement that the WCB verify which injured employees have been awarded Workers' Compensation benefits and return the listing to NYCERS with certain information related to their awards no later than fourteen days after its receipt.	
A.9987/S.7692	<b>Abbate/Savino</b> - This chapter allows the disclosure of records or personal information belonging to a "data subject" (generally, an employee of a state agency, board, public authority, etc.) to any of the New York City Retirement System's without requiring a written request or consent from the data subject if the information being sought is necessary to process.	Chapter 319
A.9993/S.7365	<b>Katz/Ball</b> - This chapter authorizes the town of Carmel, in the county of Putnam, to offer police officers Robert Behan and James Evans an optional twenty year retirement plan.	Chapter 174
A.10019/S.7815	<b>Abbate/Flanagan</b> - This chapter expands Chapter 675 of the laws of 1984 to include statewide officials. Under current law, teachers elected as collective negotiating agents in a local union are granted a leave of absence with full salary. This bill would expand the current law to include statewide affiliates.	Chapter 136

**2014 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES**

<b><u>FINAL ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>ASSEMBLY BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>SENATE BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BILLS</u></b>
<b><u>Bills Reported With or Without Amendment</u></b>			
To Floor; not returning to Committee	13		13
To Floor; recommitted and died	0		0
To Ways and Means	59		59
To Codes	11		11
To Rules	7		7
To Judiciary	0		0
<b>Total</b>	90		90
<b><u>Bills having Committee Reference Changed</u></b>			
To Ways and Means	2		2
To Governmental Operations	1		1
<b>Total</b>	3		3
<b><u>Senate Bills Substituted or Recalled</u></b>			
Substituted		18	18
Recalled		1	1
<b>Total</b>		19	19
<b><u>Bills Defeated in Committee</u></b>	0	0	0
<b><u>Bills Held for Consideration With a Roll-Call Vote</u></b>	<u>53</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53</u>
<b><u>Bills Never Reported, Died in Committee</u></b>	136	14	150
<b><u>Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken</u></b>	13	0	13
<b><u>Motion to Discharge Lost</u></b>	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE</b>	295	33	328
<b>Total Number of Committee Meetings Held</b>	9		