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SYNOPSIS
Establishes compensation program for law enforcement officers and certain other employees injured while performing official duties.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on January 30, 2017, with amendments.
AN ACT concerning certain injured law enforcement officers and certain other employees and supplementing Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Any State corrections officer, juvenile corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer who, in the course of performing the officer’s official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of a riot or assault by the inmates or detainees under the officer’s custody or charge shall continue to receive full wages until the officer begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

   In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments from the officer’s employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The supplemental payment payments authorized under this section shall continue so long as the injured officer remains a State corrections officer, juvenile corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

   The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be negated nor impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental payments pursuant to this section.

2. Any parole officer who, while in the course of performing his official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of an assault by an adult or juvenile parolee under the officer’s supervision shall continue to receive full wages until the parole officer begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

   In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments from the officer’s employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The supplemental payment payments authorized under this section shall continue so long as the injured officer remains a parole officer and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

   The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be negated nor impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental payments pursuant to this section.

3. Any State Human Services police officer, State conservation officer, State park police officer, Palisades Interstate Park officer appointed pursuant to R.S.32:14-21, or full-time campus police officer appointed by a county college or four-year public institution of higher education pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et seq.) who, while in the course of performing the officer’s official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of an assault during the arrest or transportation of a suspect or other person in the officer’s
custody shall continue to receive full wages until the officer begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

Any senior, recruit, or assistant supervising medical security officer working under the authority of the Department of Human Services who, in the course of performing the officer’s official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of an assault by a patient or resident who requires medical security shall continue to receive full wages until the officer begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments from the officer’s employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall continue so long as the injured officer remains a State Human Services police officer, State conservation officer, State park police officer, Palisades Interstate Park officer, campus police officer, or medical security officer and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental payments pursuant to this section.

Any civilian employee who directly works with inmates or detainees in a State correctional facility, juvenile correctional facility, or juvenile detention center who, in the course of performing the employee’s official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of a riot or assault by the inmates or detainees with whom the employee works shall continue to receive full wages until the employee begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., the injured employee shall receive regular supplemental payments from the employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured employee at the time of the injury. The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall continue so long as the injured employee remains employed by the State correctional facility, juvenile correctional facility, or juvenile detention center and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

The fringe benefits afforded an injured employee under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and effect during the time that employee is receiving supplemental payments pursuant to this section.

Any probation officer who, while in the course of performing the officer’s official duties, suffers bodily injury as the result of an assault by a person placed on probation who is under the officer’s supervision shall continue to receive full wages until the probation officer begins receiving compensation for that injury under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

In addition to the compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., the injured officer shall receive regular supplemental payments from the officer’s employer in an amount that is sufficient, when added to the
compensation received under R.S.34:15-1 et seq., to equal the net wage of the injured officer at the time of the injury. The supplemental payments authorized under this section shall continue so long as the injured officer remains a probation officer and continues to be compensated under R.S.34:15-1 et seq.

The fringe benefits afforded an injured officer under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, contract, or statute shall not be negated or impaired in any way and shall remain in full force and effect during the time that officer is receiving supplemental payments pursuant to this section.¹

¹This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month following enactment.