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**SB 245**  
**Sectional Analysis**

***“An Act relating to retirement contributions and benefits under the public employees’ retirement system of certain harbor officers.”***

**Section 1.** For purposes of the employee contribution rate, harbor officers are added to the same subsection as peace officers and fire fighters in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

**Section 2.** Adds harbor officers to the group of employees who may retire with 20 years of service for a normal retirement benefit.

**Section 3.** Adds harbor officers to the subsection which calculates the monthly amount of the retirement benefit for peace officers and fire fighters.

**Section 4.** Provides harbor officers with the same kind of retirement benefit provisions as peace officers and fire fighters. This subsection is for the situation where a person suffers a greater than one third permanent disability and continues to work for a PERS employer, but not as a police officer, fire fighter or harbor officer. That person can still get normal retirement after 20 years of service.

**Section 5.** Allows harbor officers to opt out of the enhanced retirement status that is provided in PERS to peace officers, fire fighters and harbor officers.

**Section 6.** Adds a definition for “hazardous duty status” to include peace officers, fire fighters and harbor officers for PERS purposes.

**Section 7.** Defines harbor officer.

**Section 8.** This uncodified section of law allows certain persons who have past service as harbor officers to convert that service to credited under this Act.