

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2996

Title: *An Act relative to the retirement benefits of Virginia E. Cummings*

Sponsor(s): Rep. Steven George Xiarhos (*Barnstable*)

Hearing Date: May 12, 2025

Reporting Deadline: July 11, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2686): Ordered to a House study
2021-22 (H.2805): Ordered to a House study
2019-20 (H.2300): Ordered to a House study

SUMMARY:

This bill directs the State retirement board to grant Virginia Cummings an increased accidental disability allowance due to injuries she sustained as a correction officer III of the department of correction. The disability allowance will equal 72 percent of the rate of compensation she held at the time of her retirement and reflect the date that she anticipated retiring on, April 21, 2016. If her husband, John P. Cummings, survives her and remains unmarried he will receive an annuity amount equal to three-fourths of the pension Virginia Cummings was receiving at the time of her death. This bill will take effect upon its passage.