

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill Number:** H.2936

**Title:** *An Act relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Coulter*

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Edward R. Philips (*Sharon*)

**Hearing Date:** May 12, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** July 11, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H.2632): Ordered to a House Study

2021-22 (H.2754): Ordered to a House Study

2019-20 (H.4573): Reported favorably; Referred to HWM

**SUMMARY:**

This bill directs the Massachusetts State Retirement Board shall provide to Mary Coulter-Bennett, as the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter, a lifetime, monthly allowance equal to the amount she would have received had William Coulter, upon retirement, selected the Joint and Last Survivor Allowance (c) retirement option with Mary Coulter-Bennett as his surviving beneficiary. The allowance shall be payable as of the date of William Coulter's death.