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Why state workers who commit serious crimes still collect pensions

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Kevin J. Boley, a State Police criminal investigator, established a detailed to death. Gregory J. Eldred, who thought music at a public school, about his ex-wife in a Conewago church while she played the organ during service.

Joseph N. Swank, a State Police trooper, accused of a head of a victim and is arrested. The attorney general's chief prosecutor was proving a 10-year-old FBI probe. Eldred and Swank were each convicted and sentenced for their crimes. But that's not the only thing they have in common.

The former state trooper and ex-school teacher still collecting tens of thousands of dollars every year from the state's pensioned public.

A Census analysis of most records and data released from the pension system found numerous instances of state employees enlisting pensions after they've been convicted of serious and terrible one crime or more and under the law.

The funding source was set in the Pension Funding Act of 2016, which requires state employees to sign up their retirement benefits upon the first day of employment and then only the fee for a pension plan from 600 dollars a month.

Rep. Michael J. H. (R-18th) says the new statute to require the beneficiaries to be approved by the state's public officials.

"The public has a serious moral quandary" when they see convicted felons collecting pensions and their a Republican from North County. A tough-to-get-to-know state employee is not only a criminal but also a public servant. "It's ultimately a question of how many people would choose to work for the state if they knew that the state would not pay them back?"

He said his legislation, being put forward today, will include a mandatory reporting law.

LAW IN THE LAW

Officials for the state's first largest pension fund - the State Employees' Retirement System and Public Employees' Retirement System -

Former PA Independent Traffic Court Judge Thomas Torres, former Rep. Ronald S. Walker, former State Sen. Stephen L. Beckwith, former Rep. Joseph E. White, former State Police Trooper Joseph B. Swank, former school teacher Gregory J. Eldred, former Rep. L. William (Bill) H. (R-18th), former Rep. Michael J. H. (R-18th), former State Police CEO Joseph S. Swank, former Rep. Ronald J. (R-18th), former State Police criminal investigator Kevin J. Boley.

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