



# VICTORY!

## Expanding Public Safety Employees Retirement System!

For over 12 years we have struggled to right the injustice of institutions members not being included in the Public Safety Employees Retirement System. We finally achieved a victory after educating legislators at events, in Olympia, and on the phone for years.

The difference maker was fixing the Senate with our activism and showing the power of the union!



### Are you eligible?

Workers whose primary responsibility is to provide nursing care to, or to ensure the custody and safety of, offender, adult probationary, or patient populations; and who is in a position that requires completion of defensive tactics training or de-escalation training; and who is employed by one of the following state institutions or centers operated by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS):

- Juvenile rehabilitation administration institutions, not including community facilities; and parole;
- Mental health hospitals;
- Child Study and Treatment Center (CSTC); or
- Institutions or residential sites that serve developmentally disabled patients or offenders, except for state operated living alternatives facilities;

Workers whose primary responsibility is to provide nursing care to offender and patient populations in institutions and centers operated by the following state employers:

- Washington state Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Washington state Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA);

NOTE: Specific positions eligible are yet to be determined, but the intent of the bill is to provide front-line direct care staff. WFSE is working with DRS to identify which positions will be included.

