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The CSEA strongly supports the passage of this legislation.

This bill amends section 207-c of the General Municipal Law to allow all counties the option of providing full pay and benefits for county probation officers who are injured on the job.

Probation officers play a vital role in the criminal justice system. They have daily and direct interactions with individuals who have been convicted of crimes but who do not necessarily need incarceration. County probation officers are exposed on a daily basis to the same risks and dangers that police officers, correction officers and district attorney investigators face, all of whom are entitled to benefits under this law

Despite the danger of exposure to violence, assaults and injury, not all counties have the statutory authority to provide probation officers with similar medical and wage protections that other law enforcement and first responders are entitled to. This bill would correct this inequity and will allow counties the option of offering county probation officers full payment of medical expenses and salary if they are injured in the line of duty.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA strongly urges the passage of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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