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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Membership - Local Detention**
3 **Center Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who works as a detention center officer
5 for a county or a municipal corporation to become a member of the Law
6 Enforcement Officers' Pension System under a participating governmental unit;
7 and generally relating to the eligibility of certain detention center officers as
8 members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under a
9 participating governmental unit.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
12 Section 31-2A-01
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
17 Section 31-2A-02
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2004 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

23 31-2A-01.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (b) "Effective date" means the date that an eligible governmental unit
26 commenced or commences participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
27 System.

1 (c) "Eligible governmental unit" means a governmental unit that is eligible to
2 participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under § 31-2A-02 of
3 this subtitle.

4 (d) (1) "Firefighter" means:

5 (i) a paid firefighter, as determined by the eligible governmental
6 unit; or

7 (ii) a paid paramedic, as determined by the eligible governmental
8 unit.

9 (2) "Firefighter" does not include:

10 (i) a volunteer firefighter; or

11 (ii) a volunteer paramedic.

12 (e) "Law enforcement officer" means an individual WHO:

13 (1) IS certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission as a law
14 enforcement officer; OR

15 (2) WORKS AS A DETENTION CENTER OFFICER FOR AN ELIGIBLE
16 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

17 (f) (1) "Local pension system" means a retirement or pension system of an
18 eligible governmental unit.

19 (2) "Local pension system" includes the Employees' Retirement System
20 and the Employees' Pension System if the eligible governmental unit participates
21 under Subtitle 1 of this title.

22 31-2A-02.

23 Subject to § 31-2A-03 of this subtitle, the governmental units that are eligible
24 to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System are:

25 (1) counties; and

26 (2) municipal corporations.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 2005.