

SENATE BILL 336

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By: **Senators Brinkley, DeGrange, Edwards, Munson, and Stoltzfus**
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership – Correctional**
3 **Laundry Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
5 System; providing that certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
6 System may receive a normal service retirement or a deferred vested retirement
7 allowance under certain circumstances; requiring the transfer of certain
8 member contributions to the annuity savings fund of the Correctional Officers'
9 Retirement System; providing for a refund of certain member contributions
10 under certain circumstances; providing that certain transfers of credit between
11 the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems and the Correctional Officers'
12 Retirement System are not governed by certain provisions of law; and generally
13 relating to membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
16 Section 25–201, 25–401, and 29–302(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

22 25–201.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this subtitle applies
2 only to:

3 (1) correctional officers serving in any of the first six job
4 classifications;

5 (2) security attendants at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center;

6 (3) a detention center officer employed by a participating
7 governmental unit that on or after July 1, 2006, has elected to participate in the
8 Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and

9 (4) an individual serving as a correctional dietary, maintenance,
10 **LAUNDRY**, or supply officer.

11 (b) This subtitle does not apply to:

12 (1) an employee of the Baltimore City Jail as of June 30, 1991, who:

13 (i) became an employee of the Baltimore City Detention Center
14 on July 1, 1991; and

15 (ii) did not elect to become a member of the Correctional
16 Officers' Retirement System on that date; or

17 (2) a detention center officer employed by a participating
18 governmental unit as a local detention center officer on the effective date of
19 participation on or after July 1, 2006, who did not elect to become a member of the
20 Correctional Officers' Retirement System within 6 months of the effective date of
21 participation.

22 25-401.

23 (a) A member may retire with a normal service retirement allowance if:

24 (1) on or before the date of retirement, the member has at least 20
25 years of eligibility service;

26 (2) for at least 5 years immediately before retirement, the member
27 was:

1 (I) a security attendant at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital
 2 Center[,]; [and]

3 (II) a correctional officer in any of the first six job classifications,
 4 or in a combination of these positions; **OR**

5 (III) **A CORRECTIONAL LAUNDRY OFFICER; AND**

6 (3) the member completes and submits a written application to the
 7 Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire.

8 (b) On retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a
 9 normal service retirement allowance that equals one fifty-fifth of the member's
 10 average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.

11 29–302.

12 (c) A vested allowance is a deferred allowance starting at:

13 (1) normal retirement age for members of:

14 (i) the Employees' Retirement System;

15 (ii) the State Police Retirement System; and

16 (iii) the Teachers' Retirement System;

17 (2) age 55 for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
 18 System who is:

19 (I) a correctional officer in the first six job classifications; or

20 (II) **A CORRECTIONAL LAUNDRY OFFICER; OR**

21 (3) age 60 for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
 22 System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital
 23 Center.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

25 (a) The transfer of creditable service for an individual who is a correctional
 26 laundry officer and a member of either the Employees' Retirement System or

1 Employees' Pension System on June 30, 2007, who transfers to the Correctional
2 Officers' Retirement System under this Act, is not governed by Title 37 of the State
3 Personnel and Pensions Article.

4 (b) The Board of Trustees shall transfer the total member contributions to
5 the individual's credit in either the Employees' Retirement System or Employees'
6 Pension System, plus regular interest, to the annuity savings fund of the Correctional
7 Officers' Retirement System.

8 (c) (1) This subsection applies to an individual who:

9 (i) is a correctional laundry officer on June 30, 2007;

10 (ii) transfers to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System
11 under this Act; and

12 (iii) at the time of transferring to the Correctional Officers'
13 Retirement System is a member of the Employees' Retirement System making
14 member contributions at the rate of 7% of the individual's earnable compensation.

15 (2) An individual described under paragraph (1) of this subsection
16 shall receive the difference between the member contributions at the rate provided for
17 in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, including interest on those
18 contributions, and the total accumulated member contributions to the individual's
19 credit, plus interest on those contributions, in the annuity savings fund of the
20 Employees' Retirement System.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2007.