

# HOUSE BILL 822

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program –**  
3 **Participation in Program – City of Hyattsville and Satellite Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an employee or a former employee of the City of  
5 Hyattsville and a surviving spouse or dependent child of the employee or former  
6 employee to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health  
7 and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances; authorizing the  
8 State to charge the City of Hyattsville and certain entities certain costs  
9 resulting from certain individuals participating in the Program; requiring the  
10 City of Hyattsville to determine the extent to which the City will subsidize  
11 participation in the Program; authorizing a former employee of a certain  
12 satellite organization and the spouse or dependent child of the former employee,  
13 who is enrolled and participating in the Program as a retiree or a dependent of  
14 a retiree as of the effective date of this Act, to continue to participate in the  
15 Program under certain circumstances; requiring a certain satellite organization  
16 to determine the extent to which the satellite organization will subsidize  
17 participation in the Program by its former employees; defining a certain term;  
18 making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to enrollment and  
19 participation in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits  
20 Program.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
23 Section 2–511

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

6 2–511.

7 (a) This section applies to employees of:

8 (1) the Maryland Environmental Service;

9 (2) the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;

10 (3) the Baltimore Metropolitan Council; [and]

11 (4) the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; **AND**

12 **(5) THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE.**

13 (b) Subject to the regulations adopted under § 2–503 of this subtitle, an  
14 employee or, while receiving an allowance under the Employees’ Retirement System of  
15 the State of Maryland or the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland, an  
16 employee’s surviving spouse:

17 (1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance or other benefit  
18 options established under the Program; and

19 (2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the  
20 same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2–507 of this subtitle.

21 (c) While receiving an allowance under the Employees’ Retirement System of  
22 the State of Maryland or the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland, a  
23 former employee or a former employee’s surviving spouse or dependent child:

24 (1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options  
25 established under the Program; and

26 (2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the  
27 same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2–508 of this subtitle, with the  
28 employee’s service with the Maryland Environmental Service, Northeast Maryland  
29 Waste Disposal Authority, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, [and] the Maryland  
30 Automobile Insurance Fund, **AND THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE** being included as part  
31 of the employee’s State service.

1           (d)   **(1) (I)** [For each participant under this section,] **THE STATE MAY**  
2 **CHARGE** the Maryland Environmental Service, the Northeast Maryland Waste  
3 Disposal Authority, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and the Maryland  
4 Automobile Insurance Fund, or any successor agency, [shall pay to the State] the  
5 respective **PARTICIPANT'S TOTAL COST RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE**  
6 **PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.**

7                           **(II) THE RESPECTIVE** employer share of the cost of the  
8 Program **UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE** based on the State subsidy allowed  
9 under this subtitle.

10                   **(2) (I) THE STATE MAY CHARGE THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**  
11 **THE PARTICIPANT'S TOTAL COST RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE**  
12 **PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13                           **(II) THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE SHALL DETERMINE THE**  
14 **EXTENT TO WHICH THE CITY WILL SUBSIDIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE**  
15 **PROGRAM.**

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

17           (a) In this section, "satellite organization" has the meaning stated in § 2-501  
18 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

19           (b) Subject to the approval of the satellite organization, a former employee of  
20 a participating satellite organization or a former employee's spouse or dependent child  
21 who is enrolled and participating in the State Employee and Retiree Health and  
22 Welfare Benefits Program as a retiree or dependent of a retiree on the effective date of  
23 this Act may continue to participate in the Program as long as the total costs resulting  
24 from participation in the Program are paid to the Program by the satellite  
25 organization.

26           (c) A satellite organization whose former employees are authorized to  
27 participate in the Program under this section shall determine the extent to which the  
28 satellite organization will subsidize participation by its former employees.

29           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 July 1, 2014.