## SENATE BILL 979

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By: Senator Peters

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Assigned to: Rules

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 14, 2016

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## Optional Retirement Program - Eligibility - Alterations

- FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility provisions of the Optional Retirement Program to include individuals in certain position categories designated by certain governing boards of institutions of higher education or the Secretary of Higher Education; authorizing requiring an individual who was a participant in the Optional Retirement Program as of a certain date to continue to participate in the Program under certain circumstances; conforming certain terminology to current institutional policies regarding employment categories; and generally relating to eligibility for the Optional Retirement Program.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article State Personnel and Pensions
- 13 Section 30–301
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2015 Replacement Volume)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

19 30-301.

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

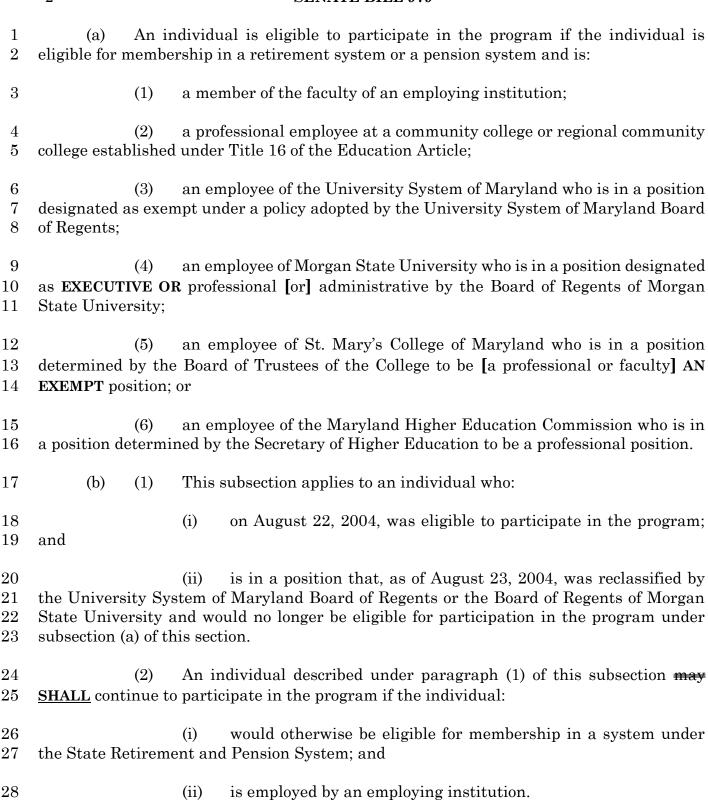
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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30 (I) IS IN A POSITION THAT WAS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 31 THE PROGRAM BUT WAS RECLASSIFIED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE 32 INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYING INSTITUTION OR THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER

THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

1 2	EDUCATION TO A POSITION THAT WOULD NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND
3 4	(II) WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM ON THE DATE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE RECLASSIFICATION.
5 6 7	(2) An individual described under paragraph (1) of this subsection may shall continue to participate in the program if the individual:
8 9	(I) WOULD OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SYSTEM UNDER THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM; AND
10	(II) IS EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYING INSTITUTION.
11 12	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.