

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 622 (Delegate Branch, et al.)
Appropriations

Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Special Disability Retirement

This pension bill provides that members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System may qualify for the special disability benefits available to members of the State Police Retirement System. Under current law correctional officers may qualify for accidental disability benefits.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in retirement contributions for the Correctional Officers' Retirement System. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Under current law a correctional officer is eligible for an accidental disability benefit (2/3's of salary) if there is a direct cause link between a specific work related accident and disability. Under the "special disability" provisions provided in this bill, a correctional officer would be eligible to receive a special disability benefit (2/3's of salary) if the medical board finds that the officer is totally and permanently incapacitated (either physically or mentally) for duty as a result of the performance of duty. Thus, this bill would increase the circumstances under which a correctional officer would be eligible to receive a disability benefit of two-thirds of salary.

This bill has not been forwarded to the State's actuary for a detailed actuarial valuation. Because the bill could lead to an increase in the number of accidental/special disability retirees, retirement expenditures could increase. The amount of any such increase cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

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