

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1228 (Delegate Marriott, et al.)
Appropriations

Pensions - Martin State Airport Firefighters

This pension bill places the firefighters for the Martin State Airport in the Natural Resources Pension System. It changes the name of the Natural Resources Pension System (NRPS) to the State Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Pension System (SLEOFPS). Further, the bill provides that all employer contributions, with interest, made on behalf of such employees be transferred to the SLEOFPS. The bill is effective July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$168,000 annually beginning in FY 1998. Future year expenditures reflect 5% growth.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	0	168,000	177,000	186,000	195,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$168,000)	(\$177,000)	(\$186,000)	(\$195,000)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Under current law firefighters at Martin State Airport are members of the Employees' Pension System (EPS). This plan is a 30-year and out plan, which means they may retire with full benefits after 30 years of service. The NRPS is a 25-year and out plan which provides greater retirement benefits than the EPS. Twenty-two firefighters at Martin State Airport have been identified as being eligible to participate in the SLEOFPS

under this bill. The State's actuary estimates that retirement expenditures would increase by an estimated \$168,000 annually beginning in fiscal 1998. Such expenditures would increase at the actuarially assumed rate of 5% in the out-years.

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