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**By: Senator Amoss (Chairman, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pensions - Arbitration of Claims - Upgrades of Computer Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and  
4 Pension System to submit to arbitration any claims arising in connection with the  
5 implementation and operation of an upgrade to the State Retirement Agency's data  
6 processing or electronic data management system; and providing for the termination  
7 of this Act.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
10 Section 21-108  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

16 21-108.

17 (a) The responsibility for the management, general administration, and proper  
18 operation of the several systems is vested in the Board of Trustees.

19 (b) In addition to the Investment Committee established under § 21-114 of this  
20 subtitle, the Board of Trustees may establish other committees.

21 (c) Subject to § 21-123 of this subtitle, the Board of Trustees shall have full power  
22 to invest the assets of the several systems.

1 (D) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION ANY CLAIMS  
2 ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF AN  
3 UPGRADE TO THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY'S DATA PROCESSING OR  
4 ELECTRONIC DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years, and at the end of June 30,  
7 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.