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By: **Senator Kasemeyer**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pension Systems - Eligibility Service**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of hours required to receive eligibility service  
4 in the Employees' Pension System, the Teachers' Pension System, the Law  
5 Enforcement Officers' Pension System, and the Local Fire and Police System.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
8 Section 23-302, 26-302, and 28-302  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

14 23-302.

15 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a member is entitled to eligibility  
16 service for periods of employment while a member of the Employees' Pension System  
17 or the Teachers' Pension System.

18 (b) (1) If a member completes at least [700] 500 hours of employment while  
19 a member in any fiscal year, the member is entitled to 1 year of eligibility service.

20 (2) Except in the first and last fiscal years, a member may not receive  
21 any eligibility service for a fiscal year in which the member completes less than [700]  
22 500 hours of employment while a member.

23 (3) In the first and last fiscal years, if a member completes less than  
24 [700] 500 hours of employment while a member, the Board of Trustees shall prorate  
25 the eligibility service based on the number of hours worked.

1 26-302.

2 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a member is entitled to eligibility  
3 service for periods of employment while a member of the Law Enforcement Officers'  
4 Pension System.

5 (b) (1) If a member completes at least [700] 500 hours of employment while  
6 a member in any fiscal year, the member is entitled to 1 year of eligibility service.

7 (2) Except in the first and last fiscal years, a member may not receive  
8 any eligibility service for a fiscal year in which the member completes less than [700]  
9 500 hours of employment while a member.

10 (3) In the first and last fiscal years, if a member completes less than  
11 [700] 500 hours of employment while a member, the Board of Trustees shall prorate  
12 the eligibility service based on the number of hours worked.

13 28-302.

14 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a member is entitled to eligibility  
15 service for periods of employment while a member of the Local Fire and Police  
16 System.

17 (b) (1) If a member completes at least [700] 500 hours of employment while  
18 a member in any fiscal year, the member is entitled to 1 year of eligibility service.

19 (2) Except in the first and last fiscal years, a member may not receive  
20 any eligibility service for a fiscal year in which the member completes less than [700]  
21 500 hours of employment while a member.

22 (3) In the first and last fiscal years, if a member completes less than  
23 [700] 500 hours of employment while a member, the Board of Trustees shall prorate  
24 the eligibility service based on the number of hours worked.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 1998.