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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Retirement and Pensions - Administration

- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting members of the Board of Trustees for the State
- 4 Retirement and Pension System from serving on the boards of certain
- 5 companies; prohibiting members of the Board of Trustees from holding equities
- 6 in certain companies; requiring the Board of Trustees to make certain public
- disclosures within a certain period of time; providing for the content and the
- 8 availability of certain public disclosures; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from
- 9 hiring a State employee or officer to invest the assets of the State Retirement
- and Pension System; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
- relating to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System.
- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article State Personnel and Pensions
- 14 Section 21-104(f) and 21-123(h), (i), and (j)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19 Article State Personnel and Pensions

20 21-104.

- 21 (F) A TRUSTEE MAY NOT:
- 22 (1) SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ANY COMPANY IN WHICH ANY OF THE
- 23 ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS ARE INVESTED; OR
- 24 (2) INVEST THE TRUSTEE'S PERSONAL ASSETS IN ANY COMPANY IN
- 25 WHICH ANY OF THE ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS ARE INVESTED.

- 1 21-123.
- 2 (H) (1) WITHIN 48 HOURS OF ANY INVESTMENT TRANSACTION INVOLVING
- 3 ANY OF THE ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL
- 4 PUBLICLY DISCLOSE ALL OF THE MATERIAL FACTS REGARDING THE TRANSACTION.
- 5 (2) THE DISCLOSURE SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE STATE RETIREMENT
- 6 AGENCY AND POSTED ON THE WEB SITE MAINTAINED BY THE STATE RETIREMENT
- 7 AGENCY.
- 8 (I) (1) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE SHALL PUBLICLY DISCLOSE A LIST OF ALL
- 9 INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES:
- 10 (I) IN WHICH ANY ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS ARE
- 11 INVESTED; AND
- 12 (II) THAT HAVE ENGAGED IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH ANY
- 13 NATION:
- 14 1. UPON WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED
- 15 NATIONS HAS IMPOSED SANCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER VII OF THE
- 16 UNITED NATIONS CHARTER; OR
- 17 2. THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS RECOGNIZED AS HAVING
- 18 ENGAGED IN THE PROLIFERATION OF, OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DELIVERY
- 19 SYSTEMS FOR, WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
- 20 (2) THE DISCLOSURE SHALL INCLUDE THE NATURE OF THE
- 21 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND THAT NATION.
- 22 (J) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY NOT HIRE ANY STATE EMPLOYEE OR
- 23 OFFICER TO INVEST ANY OF THE ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS.
- 24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the disclosures required
- 25 by the Board of Trustees of all international companies under § 21-123(i)(1)(ii)1 of
- 26 this Act may not apply to any international company that more than 5 years before
- 27 the effective date of this Act engaged in business with a nation upon which the
- 28 Security Council of the United Nations has imposed sanctions in accordance with
- 29 Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- 30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 31 July 1, 2002.