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By: **Senator Greenip**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crownsville Hospital Center Employees - Early Retirement**

3 FOR the purpose of providing certain employees of Crownsville Hospital Center with  
4 the opportunity to receive an early retirement allowance under certain  
5 circumstances; requiring that certain documents be completed by a certain date;  
6 requiring that a certain reduction be made to the retirement allowances of  
7 certain employees of Crownsville Hospital Center; providing for the termination  
8 of this Act; and generally relating to employees of Crownsville Hospital Center  
9 receiving an early retirement allowance.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
12 Section 23-402  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

18 23-402.

19 (a) A member may retire with an early service retirement allowance if:

20 (1) the member completes and submits a written application to the  
21 Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire; and

22 (2) on or before the date of retirement, the member:

23 (i) has at least 15 years but less than 30 years of eligibility service;

24 and

25 (ii) is at least 55 but less than 62 years old.

1 (b) On retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive an early  
2 service retirement allowance that equals the normal service retirement allowance  
3 under § 23-401 of this subtitle, reduced by 0.5% for each month that the member's  
4 early retirement date precedes the date the member will be 62 years old.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

6 (a) This section only applies to an employee of Crownsville Hospital Center  
7 who:

8 (1) is employed by Crownsville Hospital Center on June 30, 2004, but  
9 whose job is abolished as a result of the consolidation of Crownsville Hospital Center  
10 into Spring Grove and Springfield hospitals;

11 (2) on or before the date that the employee's job with Crownsville  
12 Hospital Center is abolished, is at least 50 years old or has at least 25 years of service  
13 in the State Retirement and Pension System; and

14 (3) on the date that the employee's job with Crownsville Hospital Center  
15 is abolished, is a member of the Employees' Pension System.

16 (b) An employee described under subsection (a) of this section may retire with  
17 an early service retirement allowance if the member completes and submits a written  
18 application on or before June 30, 2005, to the Board of Trustees stating the date when  
19 the member desires to retire.

20 (c) An employee described under subsection (a) of this section is entitled to  
21 receive an early service retirement allowance that equals the normal service  
22 retirement allowance under § 23-401 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article,  
23 reduced by 0.5% for each month that the employee's early retirement date precedes  
24 the date the employee will be 62 years old.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of  
27 June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
28 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.