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

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State and Local Pension Systems - Uniform Management of Public**
3 **Employee Retirement Systems Act**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county or municipal corporation in the State that
5 establishes a public pension system on or after a certain date to adhere to
6 certain principles with regard to the investment and management of certain
7 public funds; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and
8 Pension System and the governing bodies of certain local pension systems
9 established before a certain date to certify certain information to the Joint
10 Committee on Pensions on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the
11 investment of funds by governing bodies of State and local pension systems.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

14 Section 40-101 to be under the new title "Title 40. Operation of Retirement
15 Plans"

16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

21 **TITLE 40. OPERATION OF RETIREMENT PLANS.**

22 40-101.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL JURISDICTION" MEANS ANY COUNTY OR
24 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE.

25 (B) SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, A LOCAL
26 JURISDICTION THAT ESTABLISHES A PUBLIC PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
27 2005, IS REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES INCORPORATED IN THE UNIFORM

1 MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ACT THAT ADDRESS
2 THE INVESTMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS FOR A PUBLIC PENSION SYSTEM.

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

4 (a) In this section, "local system" means a county or municipal public pension
5 system.

6 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2006, the Board of Trustees for the State
7 Retirement and Pension System and the governing body of any local system
8 established before July 1, 2005, shall certify to the Joint Committee on Pensions that
9 the plan provisions governing these public plans adhere to the principles incorporated
10 in the Uniform Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems Act that
11 address the investment and management of funds for a public pension system.

12 (2) If the plan provisions governing the State Retirement and Pension
13 System or a local system do not adhere to the principles incorporated in the Uniform
14 Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems Act, the governing body of that
15 plan shall explain any deviations in its certification to the Joint Committee on
16 Pensions.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2005.