
By: **Delegate Elmore**
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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits**
 3 **Program - Participation by Former Employees of Somerset County -**
 4 **Authorized**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing former employees of Somerset County to enroll and
 6 participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State
 7 Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain
 8 circumstances and subject to certain terms and conditions; providing that years
 9 of service with Somerset County are considered years of State service for
 10 purposes of establishing eligibility for participation in the Program; requiring
 11 ~~Somerset County to pay to the State, for each former employee who participates~~
 12 ~~in the Program, the employer share of the cost of the Program based on a certain~~
 13 ~~State subsidy the County Commissioners of Somerset County to pay to the State~~
 14 the total costs resulting from the participation of its former employees in the
 15 Program and determine the extent to which the County will subsidize
 16 participation of its employees in the Program; and generally relating to the
 17 participation by former employees of Somerset County in the State Employee
 18 and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

19 BY adding to
 20 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
 21 Section 2-513.1
 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
 23 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2 2-513.1.

3 (A) WHILE RECEIVING AN ALLOWANCE UNDER THE EMPLOYEES'
4 RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION
5 SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF SOMERSET COUNTY,
6 WITH APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ~~FOR~~ OF SOMERSET COUNTY:

7 (1) MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE
8 BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND

9 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IS
10 SUBJECT TO THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER § 2-508
11 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WITH THE FORMER EMPLOYEE'S SERVICE WITH SOMERSET
12 COUNTY BEING CONSIDERED YEARS OF STATE SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF
13 ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY UNDER § 2-508(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14 ~~(B) FOR EACH PARTICIPANT UNDER THIS SECTION, SOMERSET COUNTY~~
15 ~~SHALL PAY TO THE STATE THE EMPLOYER SHARE OF THE COST OF THE PROGRAM~~
16 ~~BASED ON THE STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

17 (B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY SHALL:

18 (1) PAY TO THE STATE THE TOTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THE
19 PARTICIPATION OF ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM; AND

20 (2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL SUBSIDIZE
21 PARTICIPATION OF ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2006.