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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Transfer of Membership –**
3 **Maryland Transit Administration**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain members of the Maryland Transit
5 Administration Pension System may transfer from the Maryland Transit
6 Administration Pension System to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
7 System in a certain manner; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to
8 pay to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System
9 certain employer contributions, plus interest; requiring certain members of the
10 Maryland Transit Administration Pension System who transfer certain service
11 credit from the Maryland Transit Administration Pension System to the Law
12 Enforcement Officers' Pension System to pay certain member contributions,
13 plus interest, for a certain period of time; requiring that certain members of the
14 Maryland Transit Administration Pension System who transfer service credit to
15 the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System receive a certain amount of
16 service credit; requiring that certain members of the Maryland Transit
17 Administration Pension System who transfer certain service credit from the
18 Maryland Transit Administration Pension System complete and file certain
19 forms with the Board of Trustees by a certain date; providing for the
20 termination of this Act; and generally relating to transferring membership into
21 the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That:

24 (a) This section applies to an individual who:

25 (1) on or after January 1, 1984, was hired as a full-time Maryland
26 Transit Administration police officer;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) on or after January 1, 1991, was promoted to the management
2 position of light rail supervisor within the Maryland Transit Administration;

3 (3) on or after January 1, 2001, was promoted to the management
4 position of safety officer within the Maryland Transit Administration;

5 (4) on or after January 1, 2008, as an employee of the Maryland
6 Transit Administration and a former police officer of the Maryland Transit
7 Administration, receives health benefits and retirement benefits as provided under §
8 7-603 of the Transportation Article.

9 (b) An individual described in subsection (a) of this section may elect to
10 transfer to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under Title 26 of the State
11 Personnel and Pensions Article from the pension system established under § 7-603 of
12 the Transportation Article.

13 (c) For an individual who elects to transfer from the pension system
14 established under § 7-603 of the Transportation Article to the Law Enforcement
15 Officers' Pension System under subsection (b) of this section:

16 (1) the Maryland Transit Authority shall transfer to the Board of
17 Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System the employer contributions, plus
18 interest, that were made to the pension system established under § 7-603 of the
19 Transportation Article on behalf of the individual; and

20 (2) the individual shall pay the member contributions, plus interest,
21 that would have been paid by a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
22 System for the period of time the individual was employed with the Maryland Transit
23 Administration from July 1, 2000, through the date the individual transfers to the
24 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

25 (d) An individual who elects to transfer from the pension system established
26 under § 7-603 of the Transportation Article to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
27 System under subsection (b) of this section, shall receive 1 year of creditable service in
28 the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for each year of creditable service
29 transferred from the pension system established under § 7-603 of the Transportation
30 Article.

31 (e) To transfer service credit under subsection (b) of this section, an
32 individual shall complete a claim to transfer the service credit on a form provided by
33 the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and file it with the
34 Board of Trustees on or before December 31, 2008.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
37 December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
38 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.