

# SENATE BILL 226

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By: **Senator McFadden (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2009

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Retirement and Pension System – Participating Governmental Units**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the definition of a “local pension system” for  
4 participating governmental units in the State Retirement and Pension System;  
5 altering the period of time that certain employees of certain participating  
6 governmental units have to elect to participate in certain systems of the State  
7 Retirement and Pension System; and generally relating to participating  
8 governmental units in the State Retirement and Pension System.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
11 Section 31–101(h), 31–111(a), 31–2A–01(f), 31–2A–04, 31–2B–01(e), and  
12 31–2B–04  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 31–101.

19 (h) “Local pension system” means a retirement or pension system of an  
20 eligible governmental unit that exists before participation by the governmental unit in  
21 the [employees’ systems] **EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE EMPLOYEES’**  
22 **PENSION SYSTEM, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM, OR**  
23 **THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM.**

24 31–111.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and §§ 31–111.1, 31–111.3, and 31–111.4 of this subtitle, if an employee of a participating governmental unit joins the Employees’ Pension System [within 1 year after] **ON** the effective date, the employee is entitled to service credit for employment with the participating governmental unit before the effective date.

31–2A–01.

(f) [(1)] “Local pension system” [means a retirement or pension system of an eligible governmental unit.

(2) “Local pension system” includes the Employees’ Retirement System and the Employees’ Pension System if the eligible governmental unit participates under Subtitle 1 of this title] **HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 30–101(H) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

31–2A–04.

If a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or paramedic joins the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System [within 6 months after] **ON** the effective date, the member is entitled to credit for employment with the participating governmental unit before the effective date.

31–2B–01.

(e) [(1)] “Local pension system” [means a retirement or pension system of an eligible governmental unit.

(2) “Local pension system” includes the Employees’ Retirement System and the Employees’ Pension System if the eligible governmental unit participates under Subtitle 1 of this title] **HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 30–101(H) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

31–2B–04.

If a local detention center officer joins the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System [within 6 months after] **ON** the effective date, the member is entitled to credit for employment with the participating governmental unit before the effective date.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.