

HB1443/444764/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1443
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Employees’ Pension System – Eligibility Service Credit” and substitute “State Retirement and Health Benefits”; in line 3, after “Allowance” insert “and Health Insurance Benefits – Eligibility”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “allowance;” in line 8 and substitute “authorizing certain individuals to purchase certain service credit in the Employees’ Pension System; requiring certain individuals who choose to purchase certain service credit, to pay to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System a certain amount for a certain service credit; requiring certain individuals to complete certain claims and make certain payments to the Board of Trustees on or before a certain date; providing that certain individuals may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances; requiring certain individuals to complete a certain enrollment form and be entitled to a certain subsidy;”; in line 9, strike “service credit”; and in line 10, strike “in the Employees’ Pension System” and substitute “and health insurance benefits under the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(b) An individual described under subsection (a) of this section may elect to purchase service credit in the Employees’ Pension System under Title 23 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article for the period of time the individual was employed by

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the Wicomico County Health Department as a contractual employee that is necessary to qualify for early retirement.

(c) An individual who elects to purchase service credit in the Employees' Pension System under subsection (b) of this section shall pay to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System an amount equal to one-half of the annuity reserve and one-half of the pension reserve required to fund the additional allowance.

(d) To purchase contractual service credit under subsection (b) of this section, on or before December 31, 2010, an individual shall:

(1) complete a claim for the service credit and file it with the Board of Trustees on a form that the Board of Trustees provides; and

(2) pay to the Board of Trustees an amount equal to the amount determined under subsection (c) of this section.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-508(b)(1) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, an individual described under subsection (a) of this section may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program for so long as the individual is receiving a retirement allowance from the State.

(f) To enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under subsection (e) of this section, on or before December 31, 2010, an individual shall:

(1) complete an enrollment form and submit it to the Department of Budget and Management; and

(2) be entitled to the State subsidy allowed a State employee for each year of the retiree's creditable service, as provided under § 2-508(c)(2) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article."