

Chapter 644

(House Bill 1294)

AN ACT concerning

State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Baltimore Metropolitan Council – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of including certain employees of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; providing that certain service accrued by certain employees of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council shall be included as part of the employee's State service; requiring the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to pay to the State a certain amount of money based on a certain subsidy; and generally relating to the employees of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council participating in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 2–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

2–511.

(a) This section applies to employees of:

(1) the Maryland Environmental Service [and];

(2) THE Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority; AND

(3) THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL WHO WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ON JUNE 30, 1992.

(b) Subject to the regulations adopted under § 2–503 of this subtitle, an employee or, while receiving an allowance under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland, an employee's surviving spouse:

(1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance or other benefit options established under the Program; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2-507 of this subtitle.

(c) While receiving an allowance under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland, a former employee or a former employee's surviving spouse or dependent child:

(1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2-508 of this subtitle, with the employee's service with the Maryland Environmental Service [and], Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, **AND THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** being included as part of the employee's State service.

(d) For each participant under this section, the Maryland Environmental Service, [and] the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, **AND THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** or any successor agency, shall pay to the State the respective employer share of the cost of the Program based on the State subsidy allowed under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.