

# SENATE BILL 560

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By: **Senator Peters**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Employees' Pension System – ~~Elected and Appointed Officials~~ – Optional**  
3 **Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that membership in the Employees' Pension System is  
5 optional for certain officials who are elected or appointed for a fixed term; requiring  
6 certain individuals who elect to join the Employees' Pension System to complete a  
7 certain form and file it with the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and  
8 Pension System within a certain period of time; providing that certain individuals  
9 who do not make an election to join the Employees' Pension System within a certain  
10 period of time may not join the Employees' Pension System; providing that certain  
11 individuals' election or failure to elect to join the Employees' Pension System is a  
12 one-time, irrevocable decision; simplifying and clarifying certain provisions of law  
13 regarding mandatory and optional membership of employees of participating  
14 governmental units in the Employees' Pension System; requiring the Board of  
15 Trustees to adopt certain regulations; making conforming changes; and generally  
16 relating to optional membership in the Employees' Pension System ~~for certain~~  
17 ~~elected and appointed officials.~~

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

20 Section 21–305.3(a)(3), 23–201(a) ~~and (b)~~, 23–204, ~~31–111.4(a)~~, ~~31–111.8(a)~~, and  
21 31–113(b)(1)(iii) and (d)(1)(i)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 2 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
 3 Section 23–201(b)  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

9 21–305.3.

10 (a) (3) “Special accrued liability” means, as to any participating governmental  
 11 unit, the liability of the employees’ systems on account of the employees of the participating  
 12 governmental unit who elect to become members under § [23–204(b)] **23–204(A)** of this  
 13 article.

14 23–201.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, §§ 23–203 ~~through~~ ~~AND~~  
 16 23–205 of this subtitle apply only to:

17 (1) a regular employee whose compensation is provided by State  
 18 appropriation or paid from State funds;

19 (2) an appointed or elected official of the State, including:

20 (i) a clerk of the circuit court;

21 (ii) a register of wills;

22 (iii) a State’s Attorney; and

23 (iv) a sheriff;

24 (3) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 23–204 OF THIS SUBTITLE,~~ an employee  
 25 or official of a participating governmental unit who is eligible to participate under Title 31,  
 26 Subtitle 1 of this article ~~WHO BECOMES AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PARTICIPATING~~  
 27 ~~GOVERNMENTAL UNIT AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION, AS DEFINED~~  
 28 ~~UNDER § 31–101(C) OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

29 (4) an employee of the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City;

30 (5) an additional employee or agent of the State Racing Commission  
 31 authorized by § 11–207 of the Business Regulation Article;

1           (6) a permanent employee of the board of supervisors of elections of a  
2 county;

3           (7) a full-time master in chancery or in juvenile causes who is appointed  
4 on or after July 1, 1989, in any county by the circuit court for that county;

5           (8) an employee of the Maryland Environmental Service who is a member  
6 of the Employees' Pension System on June 30, 1993, or transfers from the Employees'  
7 Retirement System on or after July 1, 1993;

8           (9) a former Baltimore City jail employee who became an employee of the  
9 Baltimore City Detention Center and a member of the Employees' Pension System on July  
10 1, 1991;

11           (10) a nonfaculty employee of the Baltimore City Community College who:

12                   (i) is a member of the Employees' Pension System on October 1,  
13 2002;

14                   (ii) transfers from the Employees' Retirement System on or after  
15 October 1, 2002;

16                   (iii) transfers from the Teachers' Pension System in accordance with  
17 § 23-202.1 of this subtitle; or

18                   (iv) becomes an employee of the Baltimore City Community College  
19 on or after October 1, 2002;

20           (11) a court reporter for the Circuit Court for Charles County who is a  
21 member of the Employees' Pension System on July 1, 1994, or transfers from the  
22 Employees' Retirement System on or after July 1, 1994;

23           (12) a staff employee of the University System of Maryland, Morgan State  
24 University, or St. Mary's College who is:

25                   (i) a member of the Employees' Pension System on January 1, 1998,  
26 or transfers from the Employees' Retirement System on or after January 1, 1998; or

27                   (ii) a staff employee of the University System of Maryland, Morgan  
28 State University, or St. Mary's College who becomes an employee on or after January 1,  
29 1998;

30           [(13) on or after the date that the Board of Education of Kent County begins  
31 participation in the Employees' Pension System, a supportive service employee of the Board  
32 of Education of Kent County;

1 (14) an employee of the Town of Oakland on or after the date that the Town  
2 of Oakland begins participation in the Employees' Pension System;

3 (15) an employee of the City of Frostburg on or after the date that the City  
4 of Frostburg begins participation in the Employees' Pension System;

5 (16) an employee of the Town of Berwyn Heights on or after the date that  
6 the Town of Berwyn Heights begins participation in the Employees' Pension System;

7 (17) an employee of the Town of Sykesville on or after the date that the Town  
8 of Sykesville begins participation in the Employees' Pension System;

9 (18) an employee of the Town of University Park on or after the date that  
10 the Town of University Park begins participation in the Employees' Pension System;]

11 **[(19)] (13) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, ON AND BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE**  
12 **DATE OF PARTICIPATION AS DEFINED UNDER § 31-101(C) OF THIS ARTICLE, IS:**

13 **(I) A SUPPORTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD OF**  
14 **EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY;**

15 **(II) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWN OF OAKLAND;**

16 **(III) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF FROSTBURG;**

17 **(IV) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE; OR**

18 **(V) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK; AND**

19 **[(19)] (14)** an employee of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund on or  
20 after the date that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund begins participation in the  
21 Employees' Pension System]; and

22 (20) an employee of the City of College Park on or after the date that the  
23 City of College Park begins participation in the Employees' Pension System].

24 (b) Sections 23-203 ~~through~~ ~~AND~~ 23-205 of this subtitle do not apply to:

25 (1) an individual who is or is entitled to be a member of any State system  
26 other than the Employees' Pension System;

27 (2) a contractual, emergency, or temporary extra employee;

28 (3) an individual who is employed under a federal public service  
29 employment program;

1           (4)    an assessor who is a member of a retirement or pension system operated  
2 by a political subdivision of the State;

3           (5)    an employee of a local board of elections who chooses to stay in a local  
4 merit system under § 2–207 of the Election Law Article;

5           (6)    a nonclerical or nonprofessional employee of the Baltimore City  
6 Community College who:

7               (i)    was an employee of the New Community College of Baltimore  
8 during the 1989–1990 academic year;

9               (ii)   was employed by the New Community College of Baltimore on or  
10 before December 31, 1990, as a “Class A” member of the Baltimore City Retirement Plan;  
11 and

12               (iii)  elected to remain a member of the Baltimore City Retirement  
13 Plan;

14           (7)    an employee who is not a member of a State system and who accepts a  
15 position for which the budgeted hours per fiscal year are less than 500 hours in the first  
16 fiscal year of employment;

17           (8)    an employee of the Domestic Relations Division of the Anne Arundel  
18 County Circuit Court who:

19               (i)    was transferred on or after July 1, 2002, into the State Personnel  
20 Management System as an employee of the Child Support Enforcement Administration of  
21 the Maryland Department of Human Resources;

22               (ii)   elected, under § 2–510 of the Courts Article, to remain as a  
23 participant in the Anne Arundel County Retirement and Pension System; and

24               (iii)  remains as an employee of the Child Support Enforcement  
25 Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Resources or an attorney employed  
26 to represent the Child Support Enforcement Administration;

27           (9)    a nonfaculty employee of the Baltimore City Community College who is  
28 eligible to participate and elects to participate in an optional retirement program under  
29 Title 30 of this article;

30           (10)  an appointed or elected official who on or after July 1, 2007, is a member  
31 of any other State or local retirement or pension system as defined under Title 37 of this  
32 article; or

33           (11)  the Director of the Department of Social Services in Montgomery  
34 County who:

1 (i) was transferred into the State Personnel Management System  
2 as an employee of the Social Services Administration of the Maryland Department of  
3 Human Resources;

4 (ii) elected, under § 3-403.1 of the Human Services Article, to  
5 remain as a participant in the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System; and

6 (iii) remains as an employee of the Social Services Administration of  
7 the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

8 23-204.

9 (a) (1) [This subsection applies to an individual who on June 30, 2004,]  
10 **MEMBERSHIP IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM IS OPTIONAL FOR AN**  
11 **INDIVIDUAL WHO** ~~receives an annual salary and who is:~~

12 (i) an **OFFICIAL**, elected or appointed [official] **FOR A FIXED TERM**;

13 (ii) an employee of the Governor's office;

14 (iii) an employee of the Senate or House of Delegates;

15 (iv) a member of the Prince George's County Board of License  
16 Commissioners; [or]

17 (v) an employee of Dorchester County who is not a member of the  
18 county's general pension and retirement program; **OR**

19 **(VI) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(D)~~ (G) OF THIS**  
20 **SECTION AND ~~§ 23-201(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE~~, AN EMPLOYEE OF A PARTICIPATING**  
21 **GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL**  
22 **UNIT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION AND WHO REMAINS AN**  
23 **EMPLOYEE OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THROUGH THE**  
24 **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION, AS DEFINED UNDER ~~§ 31-101(C) OF THIS~~**  
25 **ARTICLE PARTICIPATION.**

26 **(2) ~~THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL~~**  
27 **~~EMPLOYED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF~~**  
28 **~~SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION. AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH~~**  
29 **(1)(I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS SUBSECTION WHO ELECTS TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES'**  
30 **PENSION SYSTEM SHALL MAKE THE ELECTION AT COMMENCEMENT OF**  
31 **EMPLOYMENT BY FILING A WRITTEN APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
32 **ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDES.**

1           **(3) AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(VI) OF THIS**  
 2 **SUBSECTION WHO ELECTS TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM SHALL**  
 3 **MAKE THE ELECTION PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION BY FILING**  
 4 **A WRITTEN APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON A FORM THAT THE**  
 5 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDES.**

6           **(4) AN ELECTION TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM**  
 7 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS A ONE-TIME, IRREVOCABLE ELECTION.**

8           [(2) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for an  
 9 individual under paragraph (1) of this subsection while the individual remains employed  
 10 in the position the individual held on June 30, 2004.]

11           ~~**(3) (i) AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**~~  
 12 ~~**THIS SUBSECTION WHO ELECTS TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM SHALL**~~  
 13 ~~**MAKE THE ELECTION:**~~

14                           ~~**1. IN WRITING ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF**~~  
 15 ~~**TRUSTEES; AND**~~

16                           ~~**2. A. WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF FIRST BECOMING**~~  
 17 ~~**EMPLOYED IN A POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS**~~  
 18 ~~**SUBSECTION; OR**~~

19                           ~~**B. WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF**~~  
 20 ~~**PARTICIPATION OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT EMPLOYING THE**~~  
 21 ~~**INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(VI) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**~~

22           ~~**(H) (5)**~~       **IF AN ELECTION TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION**  
 23 **SYSTEM IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITHIN THE PERIOD OF**  
 24 **TIME DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I)~~2~~ OF THIS PARAGRAPH, PARAGRAPH (2) OR**  
 25 **(3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT ELECT TO JOIN THE**  
 26 **EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM WHILE EMPLOYED IN THAT POSITION.**

27           ~~**(H) AN INDIVIDUAL'S ELECTION TO JOIN THE EMPLOYEES'**~~  
 28 ~~**PENSION SYSTEM OR AN INDIVIDUAL'S FAILURE TO ELECT TO JOIN THE**~~  
 29 ~~**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME PERIOD IS A**~~  
 30 ~~**ONE-TIME, IRREVOCABLE DECISION.**~~

31           ~~**(4) (6)**~~       **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**  
 32 **IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.**

33           ~~**(3) (i)**~~       **In lieu of membership in any other retirement or pension system**  
 34 **operated under the laws of the State or any political subdivision of the State, an individual**

~~under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection may elect to join the Employees' Pension System within 1 year of employment or July 1, 2008, whichever is later.~~

~~(ii) An individual under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection who elects to join the Employees' Pension System under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, may transfer from a State or local retirement or pension system to the Employees' Pension System in accordance with Title 37 of this article, any service credit earned while serving in that position.~~

~~(b) (1) This subsection does not apply to:~~

~~(i) an employee of the Town of Berwyn Heights;~~

~~(ii) the City of College Park; or~~

~~(iii) an individual employed by Prince George's County who is subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section.~~

~~(2) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, this subsection applies only to the employees of a participating governmental unit who:~~

~~1. are employed by the participating governmental unit on June 30, 2004; and~~

~~2. were employed by the participating governmental unit on the effective date of participation in the State systems.~~

~~(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for an individual under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph until the individual ceases employment with the participating governmental unit that was employing the individual on June 30, 2004.~~

~~(3) (B) (1) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is not optional for individuals who are:~~

~~(i) supportive service employees of the Board of Education of Kent County;~~

~~(ii) employees of the Town of Oakland;~~

~~(iii) employees of the City of Frostburg;~~

~~(iv) employees of the Town of Sykesville; or~~

~~(v) employees of the Town of University Park.~~



1           **(2) MEMBERSHIP IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM IS NOT**  
2 **OPTIONAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS EMPLOYED IN A POSITION ON OR BEFORE**  
3 **JUNE 30, 2015, THAT REQUIRED THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE**  
4 **EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL REMAINS IN THAT**  
5 **POSITION.**

6           (c) ~~(B)~~ (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, membership in the  
7 Employees' Pension System is optional for an individual described in § 23-201(a)(2)(iv) of  
8 this subtitle who is elected or appointed as the Baltimore City Sheriff.

9           (2) An individual who is elected or appointed as the Baltimore City Sheriff  
10 and who does not elect to join the Employees' Pension System is a member of the Law  
11 Enforcement Officers' Pension System under Title 26 of this article as a condition of  
12 employment.

13           (3) To elect to be a member of the Employees' Pension System under this  
14 subsection, an individual shall ~~file a written application with the State Retirement Agency~~  
15 **MAKE THE ELECTION AT COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT BY FILING A WRITTEN**  
16 **APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD OF**  
17 **TRUSTEES PROVIDES.**

18           (4) An individual who does not elect membership within 6 months of the  
19 date the individual begins serving as the Baltimore City Sheriff shall become a member of  
20 the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

21           ~~(d)~~ ~~(C)~~ (1) This subsection applies to an individual described in §  
22 23-201(a)(2)(iv) of this subtitle who elects membership in the Employees' Pension System  
23 under this section.

24           (2) An individual described in paragraph (1) of this subsection may elect  
25 membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System if the county employing the  
26 individual elects to become an eligible governmental unit in the Law Enforcement Officers'  
27 Pension System in accordance with §§ 31-2A-02 through 31-2A-05 of this article.

28           (3) If an individual transfers to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension  
29 System under this subsection, the eligible governmental unit is responsible for all employer  
30 contributions required for the individual under § 21-306.1 of this article.

31           ~~(e)~~ (1) This subsection applies only to an individual who is an employee of the  
32 Town of Berwyn Heights on June 30, 2008.

33           (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, membership in the  
34 Employees' Pension System is optional for an individual described in paragraph (1) of this  
35 subsection who elects membership on July 1, 2008.

1 (3) To elect to be a member of the Employees' Pension System, an  
 2 individual shall file a written application with the Board of Trustees on a form that the  
 3 Board of Trustees provides.

4 (f) (1) This subsection applies only to an individual who is an employee of the  
 5 City of College Park on June 30, 2014.

6 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, membership in the  
 7 Employees' Pension System is optional for an individual described in paragraph (1) of this  
 8 subsection who elects membership on July 1, 2014.

9 (3) To elect to be a member of the Employees' Pension System, an  
 10 individual shall file a written application with the Board of Trustees on a form that the  
 11 Board of Trustees provides.†

12 ~~{(g)}~~ ~~(D)~~ (1) This subsection applies to an individual who is employed by  
 13 Prince George's County as:

- 14 (i) the Chief Administrative Officer;
- 15 (ii) a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer;
- 16 (iii) a director of a county office or department;
- 17 (iv) a County Council Administrator;
- 18 (v) a Deputy Director of a county office or department; or
- 19 (vi) an Executive Director.

20 (2) (i) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for an  
 21 individual who begins serving in a position listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection on or  
 22 after July 1, 2014.

23 (ii) An individual described under subparagraph (i) of this  
 24 paragraph who elects to join the Employees' Pension System shall ~~make the election in~~  
 25 ~~writing on a form provided by the Board of Trustees and must file the form with the Board~~  
 26 ~~of Trustees within 1 year of employment~~ **MAKE THE ELECTION AT COMMENCEMENT OF**  
 27 **EMPLOYMENT BY FILING A WRITTEN APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
 28 **ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDES.**

29 (3) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is mandatory for:

- 30 (i) an individual who:

31 1. is employed in one of the positions listed under paragraph  
 32 (1) of this subsection on or before June 30, 2014; and

1                                   2.     is enrolled as a member of the Employees' Pension System;  
2 or

3                                   (ii)    an individual described under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection  
4 who elected to join the Employees' Pension System under paragraph (2)(ii) of this  
5 subsection.

6                                   (4)    Membership in the Employees' Pension System is prohibited for an  
7 individual who:

8                                   (i)    begins serving in a position listed in paragraph (1) of this  
9 subsection on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2014;

10                                  (ii)    remains in a position listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection on  
11 or after July 1, 2014; and

12                                  (iii)   is not enrolled in the Employees' Pension System.

13                                  (5)    (i)    An individual's election under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection  
14 to join the Employees' Pension System or an individual's failure to elect to join the  
15 Employees' Pension System within the required time period is a one-time, irrevocable  
16 decision.

17                                  (ii)    An individual employed in one of the positions listed under  
18 paragraph (1) of this subsection who does not elect to join the Employees' Pension System  
19 under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection may not join the Employees' Pension System  
20 while employed in one of the positions listed under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

21                                  (iii)   An individual described under paragraph (4) of this subsection  
22 or subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph who changes employment to a different position  
23 under paragraph (1) of this subsection, whether or not a break in employment occurs, may  
24 not elect to join the Employees' Pension System.

25                                  (6)    The Board of Trustees shall adopt regulations to implement this  
26 section.

27 ~~31-111.4.~~

28                                  ~~(a)    An individual who elects membership in the Employees' Pension System~~  
29 ~~under § [23-204(c)] 23-204(A) of this article and is an employee of the Town of Berwyn~~  
30 ~~Heights on the effective date shall receive eligibility service and creditable service in the~~  
31 ~~Employees' Pension System equal to one-third of the individual's period of employment~~  
32 ~~with the Town of Berwyn Heights before the effective date, as certified by the Town of~~  
33 ~~Berwyn Heights as of the effective date.~~

34 ~~31-111.8.~~

1           ~~(a) An individual who elects membership in the Employees' Pension System~~  
 2 ~~under § [23-204(f)] 23-204(A) of this article and is an employee of the City of College Park~~  
 3 ~~on the effective date shall receive eligibility service and creditable service in the Employees'~~  
 4 ~~Pension System equal to 60% of the individual's period of employment with the City of~~  
 5 ~~College Park before the effective date as certified by the City of College Park as of the~~  
 6 ~~effective date.~~

7 31-113.

8           (b) (1) An eligible governmental unit may elect to continue to operate a local  
 9 pension system after the effective date of participation in the Employees' Pension System  
 10 to provide benefits to a person who:

11                           (iii) did not elect to join the Employees' Pension System under §  
 12 [23-204(b)] 23-204(A) of this article.

13           (d) (1) On the effective date:

14                           (i) the assets to the credit of the local pension system of the  
 15 participating governmental unit that are attributable to the employees of the participating  
 16 governmental unit who elect to become members of the Employees' Pension System under  
 17 § [23-204(b)] 23-204(A) of this article shall be transferred to the Employees' Pension  
 18 System; and

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 20 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.