

SENATE BILL 650

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
4 System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department
5 of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Department of Juvenile Services;
6 providing that certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who
7 meet certain criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based
8 on certain creditable service; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before a
9 certain date, to notify certain individuals affected by this Act of their rights to
10 transfer certain service credit to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and
11 generally relating to membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

14 Section 25–201 and 25–401

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

20 25–201.

21 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this subtitle applies only
22 to:

23 (1) correctional officers serving in any of the first six job classifications;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) security attendants at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center;

5 (4) an individual serving as a correctional dietary, maintenance, laundry,
6 or supply officer;

(5) an individual serving as a Maryland Correctional Enterprises officer, officer trainee, plant supervisor, plant manager, or regional manager;

(6) a correctional officer serving as a security chief, a facility administrator, an assistant warden, or a warden who:

11 (i) begins employment in that position on or after July 1, 2014; or

12 (ii) is serving in that position on June 30, 2014, and elects to transfer
13 to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from:

(7) an individual serving as a correctional case management specialist, supervisor, or manager on or after July 1, 2016;

20 (8) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS A PAROLE AND PROBATION AGENT,
21 SUPERVISOR, OR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2017; AND

22 (9) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS A DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
23 SERVICES EMPLOYEE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
24 2017:

25 (I) AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG:

30 SUPERVISED COUNSELOR:

3 (III) A COORDINATOR OF RECREATION;

4 (IV) A DETENTION OFFICER OR SUPERVISOR;

5 (v) A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR;

6 (VI) A PSYCHOLOGIST, PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATE, OR
7 PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE CHIEF;

(VII) A RESIDENT ADVISOR, ADVISOR LEAD, ADVISOR SUPERVISOR, OR ADVISOR TRAINEE;

(VIII) A RESIDENT YOUTH CENTER COOK OR COOK LEAD:

11 (IX) A RESIDENTIAL GROUP LIFE MANAGER:

14 (XI) A YOUTH RECREATION SPECIALIST: OR

15 (XII) A YOUTH TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, OFFICER LEAD,
16 OFFICER SUPERVISOR, OR OFFICER TRAINEE.

17 (b) This subtitle does not apply to:

18 (1) an employee of the Baltimore City Jail as of June 30, 1991, who:

19 (i) became an employee of the Baltimore City Detention Center on
20 July 1, 1991; and

21 (ii) did not elect to become a member of the Correctional Officers'
22 Retirement System on that date;

(3) a correctional officer serving as a security chief, a facility administrator, an assistant warden, or a warden who is in that position on June 30, 2014, and does not elect to transfer membership to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from:

6 (ii) the Employees' Retirement System on or before December 31,
7 2015.

8 25-401.

9 (a) A member may retire with a normal service retirement allowance if:

10 (1) on or before the date of retirement, the member:

11 (i) has at least 20 years of eligibility service;

12 (ii) 1. is a correctional case management specialist, supervisor,
13 or manager on or before June 30, 2016;

22 (III) 1. IS SERVING IN A POSITION SPECIFIED IN §
23 25-201(A)(8) OR (9) OF THIS TITLE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017;

(2) the member completes and submits a written application to the Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire.

10 (b) On retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal
11 service retirement allowance that equals one fifty-fifth of the member's average final
12 compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.

13 (c) (1) This subsection applies only to:

(II) A MEMBER SERVING IN A POSITION SPECIFIED IN § 25–201(A)(8) OR (9) OF THIS TITLE WHO HAS A COMBINED TOTAL OF 20 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1)(III) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (2) A member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance
21 that equals an allowance based on the creditable service the member has in the
22 Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2017,
24 the State Retirement Agency shall notify the individuals who are affected by this Act of
25 their right to transfer service credit from the Employees' Retirement System or the
26 Employees' Pension System to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2017.