By: Delegates Reilly and Cassilly
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System – Benefits

FOR the purpose of altering the method for calculating the retirement allowance for certain
retirees of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System for service earned on or
after a certain date; altering the maximum benefit that certain retirees of the Law
Enforcement Officers’ Pension System may receive; and generally relating to the
Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 26–401(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 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
26–401.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, on
retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement
allowance that equals:

(I) the number of years of the member's creditable service ON OR
BEFORE JUNE 30, 2019, multiplied by 2% of the member’s average final compensation;
AND

(II) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER’S CREDITABLE

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2019, MULTIPLIED BY 2.5% OF THE MEMBER’S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(2) A member’s normal service retirement allowance under paragraph (1) of this subsection may not exceed [65%] 70% of the member’s average final compensation.

(3) (i) This paragraph applies only to a member who is not subject to the Law Enforcement Officers’ Modified Pension Benefit under Subtitle 2, Part II of this title.

(ii) On retirement under this paragraph, the member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals:

1. 2.3% of the member’s average final compensation multiplied by each year of the member’s first 30 years of creditable service; and

2. 1% of the member’s average final compensation multiplied by each year of creditable service in excess of 30 years.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.