

SENATE BILL 680

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teachers' Pension System – Vested Allowance – Break in Service**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain vested former members of the Teachers' Pension
4 System of the State Retirement and Pension System who meet certain criteria may
5 commence receipt of a vested allowance while continuing certain employment with
6 certain participating employers; and generally relating to retirement from the
7 Teachers' Pension System.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
10 Section 29–303(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

16 29–303.

17 (b) (1) This subsection applies to an individual who is a member on or before
18 June 30, 2011.

19 (2) A member is eligible to receive a vested allowance if:

20 (i) the member separated from employment other than by death or
21 retirement; and

22 (ii) the member has at least 5 years of eligibility service.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (a) This section applies to an individual who:

3 (1) was a member of the Teachers' Pension System while an employee of:

4 (i) Queen Anne's County Board of Education beginning in January
5 of 1980 and ending in June of 1980;

6 (ii) Allegany County Board of Education beginning in August of 1990
7 and ending in August of 1997;

8 (iii) Washington County Board of Education beginning in July of
9 2001 and ending in August of 2003; and

10 (iv) Garrett County Board of Education beginning in August of 2004
11 and ending in June of 2005;

12 (2) on or after June 1, 2021, is employed:

13 (i) as an employee of a participating employer in a position that is
14 not eligible for membership in the State Retirement and Pension System; and

15 (ii) as a permanent employee of Baltimore City Public Schools in a
16 position that is not eligible for membership in the State Retirement and Pension System;

17 (3) on or before June 1, 2021, has reached or exceeded normal retirement
18 age to receive a vested allowance in the Teachers' Pension System; and

19 (4) as of the date of commencement of a vested allowance is not eligible for
20 membership in the State Retirement and Pension System as a result of employment with
21 any participating employer.

22 (b) Notwithstanding § 29–303(b) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, an
23 individual described under subsection (a) of this section is not required to be separated from
24 employment with a participating employer in order to commence a vested allowance from
25 the Teachers' Pension System on attainment of normal retirement age.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
27 1, 2021.