

Chapter 147

(House Bill 763)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department of Juvenile Services; providing for the calculation of a certain benefit from the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for individuals serving in certain positions on or before a certain date; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before a certain date, to notify certain individuals affected by this Act of their right to transfer service credit to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; requiring a certain transfer and combination of certain service credit for certain individuals; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to calculate a certain disability benefit for certain individuals and to grant a certain benefit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 25–201(a)(10) and (11) and 25–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 25–201(a)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 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

25–201.

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

(10) an individual serving as a Department of Juvenile Services employee in one of the following positions on or after July 1, 2018:

(i) a community detention officer or community detention supervisor;

(ii) a youth transportation officer, youth transportation officer lead, youth transportation officer supervisor, or youth transportation officer trainee;

(iii) a resident advisor, resident advisor lead, resident advisor supervisor, or resident advisor trainee; or

(iv) a youth recreation specialist; [and]

(11) an individual serving as a Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services employee in one of the following positions on or after July 1, 2018:

(i) a parole and probation assistant regional administrator;

(ii) a psychology services chief;

(iii) a correctional maintenance officer supervisor;

(iv) a correctional maintenance officer manager;

(v) a correctional maintenance services officer;

(vi) a correctional maintenance services supervisor; or

(vii) a correctional maintenance services manager; AND

(12) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS A DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES EMPLOYEE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022:

~~(I) A RESIDENTIAL GROUP LIFE MANAGER;~~

~~(II) A YOUTH CENTER COOK OR COOK LEAD;~~

~~(III) A FOOD SERVICE WORKER OR SUPERVISOR; OR~~

~~(IV) A MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT, CHIEF, MECHANIC, MECHANIC SENIOR, OR SUPERVISOR.~~

(I) A CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST I, II, OR III;

(II) A CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR;

(III) A CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST PROGRAM SUPERVISOR;

OR

(IV) A GROUP LIFE MANAGER I OR II.

25-401.

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

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

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

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

2. is vested in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;

and

3. has a combined total of at least 20 years of eligibility service from:

A. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System; or

B. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the Employees' Pension System;

(iii) 1. is serving in a position specified in:

A. § 25-201(a)(8) or (9) of this title on or before June 30, 2017;

[or]

B. § 25-201(a)(10) or (11) of this title on or before June 30,

2018; **OR**

C. § 25-201(A)(12) OF THIS TITLE ON OR BEFORE JUNE

30, 2022;

2. is vested in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;

and

3. has a combined total of at least 20 years of eligibility

service from:

A. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System; or

B. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the Employees' Pension System; or

(iv) is at least 55 years old and has:

1. at least 5 years of eligibility service credit, if the member is a member on or before June 30, 2011; or

2. at least 10 years of eligibility service credit, if the member becomes a member on or after July 1, 2011; and

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

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals one fifty-fifth of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.

(2) On retirement under this section, if a member's annuity is greater than the member's normal service retirement allowance calculated under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the member's normal service retirement allowance shall equal the member's annuity.

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

(i) a correctional case management specialist, supervisor, or manager who has a combined total of 20 years of eligibility service as provided in subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section; or

(ii) a member serving in a position specified in § 25-201(a)(8), (9), (10), [or] (11), **OR (12)** of this title who has a combined total of 20 years of eligibility service as provided in subsection (a)(1)(iii) of this section.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1, 2023, the State Retirement Agency shall notify the individuals who are affected by this Act of their right to transfer service credit from the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 37–203(f)(3) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article does not apply to an individual who transfers service credit to the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System under Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This section applies to an individual who:

- (1) is employed in a position affected by this Act on July 1, 2022; and
- (2) has no creditable service in the Employees’ Pension System before July 1, 2008.

(b) An individual described under subsection (a) of this section shall have the individual’s service credit from the Employees’ Pension System transferred and combined with the individual’s service in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System.

(c) If an individual described under subsection (a) of this section is granted an ordinary disability benefit under Title 29, Subtitle 1 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall calculate the ordinary disability benefit under §§ 29–106 and 29–108 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article and grant the greater benefit to the individual.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.