

SENATE BILL 457

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By: **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Retirement and Pension System – Transfers Between Systems –**
3 **Workgroup**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Retirement Agency to convene a workgroup to study
5 transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension
6 systems; and generally relating to transfers of member service between State and
7 local retirement and pension systems.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) (1) The State Retirement Agency shall convene a workgroup of interested
11 stakeholders to study the requirements and processes for transfers of member service
12 between State and local retirement and pension systems and make recommendations to
13 improve the process of transfers between systems.

14 (2) The workgroup convened under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
15 include:

16 (i) one or more representatives of the State Retirement Agency,
17 designated by the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency;

18 (ii) 1. one representative of the Baltimore City Employees'
19 Retirement System or the Baltimore City Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System;

20 2. one representative of the Baltimore County Employees
21 Retirement System; and

22 3. one representative of the Howard County Retirement Plan
23 or the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) one representative from the American Federation of State,
2 County, and Municipal Employees; and

3 (iv) one or more representatives of the Department of Legislative
4 Services, designated by the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

5 (3) The representatives serving under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection
6 shall be appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties.

7 (b) The workgroup shall:

8 (1) review federal and State requirements pertaining to transfers of service
9 credit between systems;

10 (2) review Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article for statutory
11 inconsistencies and duplicative or ambiguous provisions;

12 (3) examine any other issues related to transfers of member service
13 between State and local retirement and pension systems; and

14 (4) recommend legislative changes required to address statutory
15 inconsistencies and duplicative or ambiguous provisions within Title 37 of the State
16 Personnel and Pensions Article, and any other issues identified by the workgroup.

17 (c) The State Retirement Agency shall provide staff for the workgroup.

18 (d) On or before December 1, 2025, the State Retirement Agency shall submit a
19 report of the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, including the need for any
20 legislative initiatives, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
21 Government Article, the General Assembly.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
23 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
24 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
25 abrogated and of no further force and effect.