

SENATE BILL 692

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

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Retirement and Pension System – Alterations and Clarifications**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain due dates of certain reports issued by the State
4 Retirement and Pension System; clarifying the eligibility requirement of State Police
5 Retirement System members in the Deferred Retirement Option Program; and
6 generally relating to the administration of the State Retirement and Pension
7 System.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

10 Section 21–116(d)(4), 21–123.2(f)(1), and 24–401.1(c) and (d)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

15 Section 24–401.1(a) and (b)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

21 21–116.

22 (d) (4) On or before [September 1] **NOVEMBER 1** each year, the Investment
23 Committee shall submit a report to the Board of Trustees, the Governor’s Office of Small,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Minority, and Women Business Affairs and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government
2 Article, the General Assembly on:

3 (i) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and
4 investment management services firms used by the Investment Committee in the
5 immediately preceding fiscal year;

6 (ii) the percentage and dollar value of the assets that are under the
7 control of the Investment Committee that are under the investment control of minority
8 business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms for each
9 allocated asset class; and

10 (iii) the measures the Investment Committee undertook in the
11 immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.

12 21–123.2.

13 (f) (1) On or before [December 1] **DECEMBER 31** each year, the Board of
14 Trustees shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House
15 Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions, in accordance with §
16 2–1257 of the State Government Article, and subject to § 4–335 of the General Provisions
17 Article, that includes a detailed description of:

18 (i) the investments, if any, made under this section;

19 (ii) the recommendations, if any, made under this section;

20 (iii) the actions, if any, taken by the Board of Trustees on the
21 recommendations made under this section;

22 (iv) the investment performance of any investments made under this
23 section;

24 (v) to the extent possible, an accounting of the fees and expenses
25 incurred under this section; and

26 (vi) to the extent possible, the ratio of funds invested in projects
27 under this section to the total percentage of venture capital funds raised in the State by all
28 sources.

29 24–401.1.

30 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

31 (2) “DROP” means the Deferred Retirement Option Program established
32 under this section.

1 (3) “DROP member” means a member of the State Police Retirement
2 System who:

3 (i) is eligible to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection
4 (c) of this section; and

5 (ii) elects to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection (e) of
6 this section.

7 (b) There is a DROP for eligible members of the State Police Retirement System.

8 (c) (1) (i) This paragraph applies to an individual who is a member of the
9 State Police Retirement System on or before June 30, 2011.

10 (ii) Except for the Secretary of State Police, a member of the State
11 Police Retirement System is eligible to participate in the DROP if the member:

12 1. has at least 22 and less than 32 years of [eligibility
13 service] **EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE**
14 **POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**; and

15 2. is less than 60 years old.

16 (iii) The Secretary of State Police is eligible to participate in the
17 DROP if the Secretary has at least 22 years of [eligibility service] **EMPLOYMENT IN A**
18 **POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT**
19 **SYSTEM**.

20 (2) (i) This paragraph applies to an individual who becomes a member
21 of the State Police Retirement System on or after July 1, 2011.

22 (ii) Except for the Secretary of State Police, a member of the State
23 Police Retirement System is eligible to participate in the DROP if the member:

24 1. has at least 25 years and less than 32 years of [eligibility
25 service] **EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE**
26 **POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**; and

27 2. is less than 60 years old.

28 (iii) The Secretary of State Police is eligible to participate in the
29 DROP if the Secretary has at least 25 years of [eligibility service] **EMPLOYMENT IN A**
30 **POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT**
31 **SYSTEM**.

1 (d) An eligible member may elect to participate in the DROP for a period not to
2 exceed the lesser of:

3 (1) 7 years;

4 (2) the difference between 32 years and the member's [eligibility service]
5 **YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE**
6 **POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM** as of the date of the member's election to participate in
7 the DROP and retire from the State Police Retirement System;

8 (3) the difference between age 60 and the member's age as of the date of
9 the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the State Police
10 Retirement System; or

11 (4) a term selected by the member.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2025.