

Chapter 768

(Senate Bill 457)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. one representative of the Anne Arundel County Government Employees Retirement Plan, the Anne Arundel County Fire Service Retirement Plan, the Anne Arundel County Detention Officers' and Deputy Sheriffs' Retirement Plan, or the Anne Arundel County Police Service Retirement Plan; and

5. one representative of the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan;

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

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

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

(b) The workgroup shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.