

HOUSE BILL 744

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Dorchester County**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System
4 for certain local detention center officers of Dorchester County in the event
5 Dorchester County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional
6 Officers' Retirement System; providing that certain local detention center officers
7 who join the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and receive certain service
8 credit shall no longer be members of the Employees' Pension System; and generally
9 relating to Dorchester County's participation in the Correctional Officers'
10 Retirement System.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
13 Section 31–2B–09
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

19 **31–2B–09.**

20 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A LOCAL DETENTION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 CENTER OFFICER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND
2 WHO REMAINS A LOCAL DETENTION CENTER OFFICER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY
3 THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

4 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF DORCHESTER
5 COUNTY BECOMES A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN THE CORRECTIONAL
6 OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MEMBERSHIP IN THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS'
7 RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS MANDATORY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER
8 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (C) IF DORCHESTER COUNTY COMMENCES PARTICIPATION IN THE
10 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH
11 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION
12 (A) OF THIS SECTION IS ENTITLED TO ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AND CREDITABLE
13 SERVICE IN THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR
14 EMPLOYMENT WITH DORCHESTER COUNTY BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

15 (D) ON JOINING THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
16 AND RECEIVING SERVICE CREDIT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
17 SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
18 SHALL:

19 (1) NO LONGER BE A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION
20 SYSTEM; AND

21 (2) HAVE NO FURTHER RIGHTS TO ANY BENEFIT IN THE EMPLOYEES'
22 PENSION SYSTEM.

23 (E) THE TRANSFER OF CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
24 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE
25 EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND WHO
26 TRANSFERS TO THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER THIS
27 SECTION, IS NOT GOVERNED BY TITLE 37 OF THIS ARTICLE.

28 (F) IF DORCHESTER COUNTY BECOMES A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL
29 UNIT IN THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, § 31-2B-05(C) OF
30 THIS SUBTITLE SHALL GOVERN THE TRANSFER AND CREDITING OF ASSETS ON THE
31 EFFECTIVE DATE.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
33 1, 2026.