

# SENATE BILL 930

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By: Senator Harris

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Police Retirement System – Special Disability Retirement**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System to apply  
4 for a certain special disability retirement allowance; and generally relating to special  
5 disability retirement benefits in the State Police Retirement System.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

8 Section 24–401.1(a), (f), (g), and (k)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

14 24–401.1.

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

7 (2) A DROP member is a retiree of the State Police Retirement System.

8 (g) Participation in the DROP ends if the DROP participant:

(1) separates from employment in accordance with the binding letter of resignation submitted with the member's election form;

11 (2) except for the Secretary of State Police, attains age 60;

12 (3) dies;

13 (4) is terminated from employment by the Maryland State Police at any  
14 time before the date specified on the member's election form;

15 (5) shortens the time period for participation in the DROP by delivering to  
16 the Maryland State Police and the Board of Trustees written notice of the intent of the  
17 DROP member to terminate employment; or

18 (6) accepts a special disability retirement allowance as provided in  
19 subsection (k) of this section.

20 (k) (1) A DROP member is eligible to apply for a special disability retirement  
21 allowance under § 29-111 of this article if after the DROP member commences  
22 participation in the DROP:

23 (i) the member is totally and permanently incapacitated for duty  
24 arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty that occurs while  
25 participating in DROP, and without willful negligence of the member; and

26 (ii) the medical board certifies that:

30 2. the incapacity is likely to be permanent; and

31 3. the member should be retired.

(2) (i) If a DROP member is granted a special disability retirement allowance, the DROP member shall:

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

18 (2) "Board" means the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and  
19 Pension System.

20 (3) "DROP" has the meaning stated under § 24-401.1 of the State  
21 Personnel and Pensions Article.

(b) This section applies to an individual who:

23 (1) was a member of the State Police Retirement System;

24 (2) enrolled in DROP on or after July 1, 2020;

25 (3) prior to enrolling in DROP, was involved in a work-related accident;  
26 and

27 (4) before July 1, 2026, ceased participation in DROP.

(c) (1) (i) An individual described under subsection (b) of this section may submit an application for a special disability retirement allowance under § 29-111 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

1 29–111 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article for an individual described under  
2 subsection (b) of this section.

3 (2) An individual described under subsection (b) of this section shall submit  
4 an application for a special disability retirement allowance under § 29–111 of the State  
5 Personnel and Pensions Article:

6 (i) on or before December 31, 2026; and

7 (ii) by submitting to the Board a form provided by the State  
8 Retirement Agency for the purpose of applying for a special disability retirement allowance  
9 under this Act.

10 (d) If the Board grants a special disability retirement allowance in accordance  
11 with this section, the retiree shall be entitled to benefits:

12 (1) from the date of the award of a special disability retirement allowance,  
13 in accordance with § 29–111 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

14 (2) from the date on which benefits would have been paid in accordance  
15 with the State Personnel and Pensions Article through the date of an award of a special  
16 disability retirement allowance in accordance with this section, the difference between the  
17 benefits that would have been paid under a special disability retirement allowance and the  
18 benefits the retiree received prior to the award of a special disability retirement allowance.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31,  
21 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated  
22 and of no further force and effect.