



*The Senate of Maryland*  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

TESTIMONY OF SENATOR SHELLY HETTLEMAN  
HB 683/SB 960  
OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP

This bill remedies a challenging situation for a constituent and the agency where she works, and as best we can tell, is likely to affect only one person.

As you will hear shortly, Elena Langrill has been employed by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) since 1986 and has been in an unusual situation by staying in the same job while the personnel system and payroll shifted around her. She is on a completely different timekeeping system, different reimbursement approvals and protocols, and she has different leave accrual, eligibility for tuition waiver, different holidays, etc. than the other 19 attorneys in her division. The OAG has repeatedly tried to switch her to the University payroll, which would simplify things administratively since the University pays the costs of her position, but has not completed implementation of the change because of pension concerns raised by Ms. Langrill.

This bill would enable Ms. Langrill to continue to participate in the Employees' Pension System while enabling her to extricate herself from the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). Under current law, she cannot extricate herself from the ORP if she is employed by the University.

It is my understanding that the State Retirement and Pension System is not opposed to this bill.

I ask that you support this legislation that will protect Ms. Langrill's ability to continue to participate in the Employees' Pension System. Thank you.