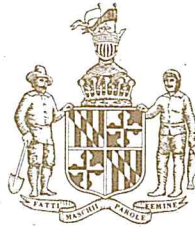


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Senate Bill 368 is a very straightforward piece of legislation that that simply adds paid Emergency Medical Technicians to LEOPS (the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System).

As someone who spent the majority of his professional career in the public safety arena, the retention and recruitment of quality public servants in this field is an issue that is critically important to me. The changes proposed in this legislation would be a means to that end and a solid step to improve both recruitment and retention efforts for agencies housing Emergency Medical Technicians statewide.

This bill is a modest effort to help level the benefit playing field for these public servants and to provide participating state agencies a tool to compete for the services of these individuals with both competing neighboring agencies and the private sector.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 368.