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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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***TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 641***  
***LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –***  
***CITY OF BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT –***  
***TRANSFERS AND PURCHASES OF SERVICE***  
***BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE***  
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Senate Bill 641 is a piece of legislation that simply allows employees of the Bowie City Police Department who were hired between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 to transfer and/or purchase their previous years of service credit from their time in another in-state police department. Upon their onboarding, these individuals were not given that opportunity. The legislation would create a six-month window to transfer and or purchase said credits.

This bill is just a simple effort to make these individuals whole and to get them the benefits for which they're rightly eligible. It is a technical fix that will make a huge difference for these officers and allow them and their families the added security and flexibility that their service deserves.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of SB 641.**