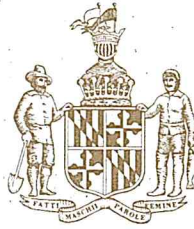


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Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 641 is a piece of legislation that simply allows employees of the Bowie City Police Department who were hired between January 1st 2007 and December 31st 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.