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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

RE: SB143 – Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment

Position: **Favorable**

Dear Chairman Guzzone,

This legislation would clarify an exemption that currently exists for public school employees and expand that exemption to include central office employees. Currently, a local school system can rehire a maximum of five individuals in any school who are retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System.

SB 143 simply removes the “at any school” language, extending the benefit to central office employees.

We arrived at this legislation from a constituent who was employed in the accounting department at Harford County Public Schools central office. She was recently retired when the COVID pandemic started and when staffing shortages started affecting the school system she decided to go back to work to help in their time of need.

Unfortunately, for her good deed she is faced with losing a substantial chunk of her retirement. Through working with the helpful folks at the SRA, we arrived at SB 143 that will apply retroactively and help my constituent save her hard-earned retirement funds. The bill is expected to apply in only a limited number of circumstances, it has no discernible effect on State pension liabilities or contribution rates and no effect on revenues.

I respectfully urge the committee for a swift and favorable vote on SB 143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Jason Gallion

Senator, District 35