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Testimony in Support of HB 1029

Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership – Clarifications

Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes

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What this bill does

This is a clarifying bill to ensure legislation passed in 2024 for members who were employed by the Maryland Department of Health in security attendant positions at State forensic facilities and moved from the Employees' Pension System (EPS) to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System (CORS) will be allowed to remain in the CORS if promoted into supervisory roles.

Why this is necessary

[HB1005/CH135](#) passed in the 2024 legislative session and allowed members employed by the Maryland Department of Health in security attendant positions at State forensic facilities to transfer from the EPS to the CORS. As drafted many supervisor and management positions were inadvertently omitted from the legislation. As a result, under current law, an individual serving in a security attendant position who is promoted into a supervisor or manager position that was omitted from the legislation, will be moved back to the EPS at the time of promotion. As this was never the intention of the legislation, a corrective action is necessary.

Why you should vote for this bill

Passage of this legislation will clarify that supervisors and managers of security attendants will be members of CORS as a condition of employment, which is true to the intentions of HB1005.

I ask for a favorable report. Thank you.