



**Testimony in Support of House Bill 678
Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership - Clarifications**

**House Appropriations Committee
March 18, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

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The Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System wishes to express its support for House Bill 678, Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership - Clarifications. House Bill 377 is legislation sponsored by the Joint Committee on Pensions at the request of the Board.

Chapters 135 and 136 of 2024 and Chapters 776 and 777 of 2025 moved members from the Employees' Pension System (EPS) to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System (CORS) who were employed by the Maryland Department of Health in security attendant positions at State forensic facilities. Staff for the State Retirement Agency (Agency) have been made aware that the positions of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) Specialist I - CI and CAMH Specialist II - CI were inadvertently omitted from the 2024 and 2025 legislation. We have confirmed that these positions would qualify for membership in the CORS. House Bill 678 amends the CORS membership provisions in the State Personnel and Pensions Article to include CAMH Specialist I - CI and CAMH Specialist II - CI. At this time, the Agency is aware of 14 individuals who would be impacted by this legislation.

We appreciate being given this opportunity to express our support to the Appropriations Committee for this legislation and would request a favorable report on House Bill 678.

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