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Testimony in Support of HB 678

Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership – Clarifications

Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes

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What this bill does

This bill would amend the Correctional Officers' Retirement System (CORS) provisions to include child and adolescent mental health (CAMH) specialists I and II that were inadvertently left out of previous legislation passed in 2024 and 2025.

Why this bill is necessary

In 2024, [HB1005/CH135](#) moved members from the Employees' Pension System (EPS) to CORS who were employed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in security attendant positions at State forensic facilities. [HB1029/CH777](#) of 2025 clarified that individuals employed as supervisors and managers for security attendants employed by MDH at state forensic facilities would also be moved from EPS to CORS.

The CAMH specialist I and II positions should have been transferred at that time, but were inadvertently left out of the legislation. The state retirement agency indicates this would affect approximately 14 individuals.

Why you should vote for this bill

Passage of this legislation will clarify that the positions of child and adolescent mental health specialist I and II will be members of CORS as a condition of employment.

I ask for a favorable report. Thank you.