

Senate Budget & Tax Committee
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**Testimony In Support of SB 710 -
Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Reemployment After Retirement -
Exemption from Earnings Offset**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear me. My name is Jason Partlow and I am a retired Correctional Officer Lt. I am currently employed as the Lead Bailiff at Washington County District Court. I retired from Corrections with 20 years of service, and have been employed with the District Court for 3 years. I am not here representing Maryland Judiciary or any other Maryland agency, I am here representing myself during this hearing. Currently I am under an earnings limitation through the Corrections Pension system for the first 5 years. If I would have retired, reapplied and accepted a contractual position back in Corrections, I would have been exempt from the earnings limitation but because I applied and accepted a different contractual position with a different entity within the State, I am subject to the limitation. I started working part time at the District Court because of this limitation. After 6 months on the job we began to lose employees and it was hard to find qualified candidates. At that time, I picked up hours to assist with keeping the Courthouse safe. Since I have been working with Washington County District court, the hiring of Bailiffs has been difficult. My increased hours put me over the earnings limit, and the MD retirement agency takes \$255 out of my pension every month. I believe if this limitation is changed or lifted, this will assist in filling vacancies throughout the State with qualified people. I have served my community for 23 years now and would like to continue to work full-time, but without a limitation.