

SENATE BILL 278

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement
4 System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department
5 of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the State Retirement Agency,
6 on or before a certain date, to notify certain individuals affected by this Act of their
7 right to transfer service credit to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;
8 providing for the application of this Act; requiring a certain transfer and combination
9 of certain service credit for certain individuals; requiring the Board of Trustees for
10 the State Retirement and Pension System to calculate a certain disability benefit for
11 certain individuals and to grant a certain benefit under certain circumstances; and
12 generally relating to membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
15 Section 25–201(a)(10) and (11) and 25–401
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
20 Section 25–201(a)(12)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

26 25–201.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this subtitle applies only
2 to:

3 (10) an individual serving as a Department of Juvenile Services employee
4 in one of the following positions on or after July 1, 2018:

5 (i) a community detention officer or community detention
6 supervisor;

7 (ii) a youth transportation officer, youth transportation officer lead,
8 youth transportation officer supervisor, or youth transportation officer trainee;

9 (iii) a resident advisor, resident advisor lead, resident advisor
10 supervisor, or resident advisor trainee; or

11 (iv) a youth recreation specialist; [and]

12 (11) an individual serving as a Department of Public Safety and
13 Correctional Services employee in one of the following positions on or after July 1, 2018:

14 (i) a parole and probation assistant regional administrator;

15 (ii) a psychology services chief;

16 (iii) a correctional maintenance officer supervisor;

17 (iv) a correctional maintenance officer manager;

18 (v) a correctional maintenance services officer;

19 (vi) a correctional maintenance services supervisor; or

20 (vii) a correctional maintenance services manager; AND

21 **(12) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
22 **AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS**
23 **ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2019:**

24 **(I) AN ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE;**

25 **(II) AN OFFICE SECRETARY;**

26 **(III) AN OFFICE SUPERVISOR;**

27 **(IV) A COMMITMENT RECORDS SPECIALIST;**

- 1 (V) A COMMITMENT RECORDS SPECIALIST LEAD;
- 2 (VI) A COMMITMENT RECORDS SPECIALIST MANAGER;
- 3 (VII) A COMMITMENT RECORDS SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR;
- 4 (VIII) A VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR; AND
- 5 (IX) A VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR SUPERVISOR.

6 25-401.

7 (a) A member may retire with a normal service retirement allowance if:

8 (1) on or before the date of retirement, the member:

9 (i) has at least 20 years of eligibility service;

10 (ii) 1. is a correctional case management specialist, supervisor,
11 or manager on or before June 30, 2016;

12 2. is vested in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;

13 and

14 3. has a combined total of at least 20 years of eligibility
15 service from:

16 A. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the
17 Employees' Retirement System; or

18 B. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the
19 Employees' Pension System;

20 (iii) 1. is serving in a position specified in:

21 A. § 25-201(a)(8) or (9) of this title on or before June 30, 2017;

22 [or]

23 B. § 25-201(a)(10) or (11) of this title on or before June 30,
24 2018; OR

25 C. **§ 25-201(A)(12) OF THIS TITLE ON OR BEFORE JUNE**
26 **30, 2019;**

27 2. is vested in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;

1 and

2 3. has a combined total of at least 20 years of eligibility
3 service from:

4 A. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the
5 Employees' Retirement System; or

6 B. the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and the
7 Employees' Pension System; or

8 (iv) is at least 55 years old and has:

9 1. at least 5 years of eligibility service credit, if the member
10 is a member on or before June 30, 2011; or

11 2. at least 10 years of eligibility service credit, if the member
12 becomes a member on or after July 1, 2011; and

13 (2) the member completes and submits a written application to the Board
14 of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire.

15 (b) On retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal
16 service retirement allowance that equals one fifty-fifth of the member's average final
17 compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.

18 (c) (1) This subsection applies only to:

19 (i) a correctional case management specialist, supervisor, or
20 manager who has a combined total of 20 years of eligibility service as provided in subsection
21 (a)(1)(ii) of this section; or

22 (ii) a member serving in a position specified in § 25–201(a)(8), (9),
23 (10), [or] (11), **OR (12)** of this title who has a combined total of 20 years of eligibility service
24 as provided in subsection (a)(1)(iii) of this section.

25 (2) A member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance
26 that equals an allowance based on the creditable service the member has in the
27 Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2020,
29 the State Retirement Agency shall notify the individuals who are affected by this Act of
30 their right to transfer service credit from the Employees' Retirement System or the
31 Employees' Pension System to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 37–203(f)(3) of the State
33 Personnel and Pensions Article does not apply to an individual who transfers service credit

1 to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System under Title 37 of the State Personnel and
2 Pensions Article in accordance with this Act.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

4 (a) This section applies to an individual who:

5 (1) is employed in a position affected by this Act on July 1, 2019; and

6 (2) has no creditable service in the Employees' Pension System before July
7 1, 2008.

8 (b) An individual described under subsection (a) of this section shall have the
9 individual's service credit from the Employees' Pension System transferred and combined
10 with the individual's service in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

11 (c) If an individual described under subsection (a) of this section is granted an
12 ordinary disability benefit under Title 29, Subtitle 1 of the State Personnel and Pensions
13 Article, the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall calculate
14 the ordinary disability benefit under §§ 29-106 and 29-108 of the State Personnel and
15 Pensions Article and grant the individual the greater benefit.

16 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2019.