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**House Bill 791/Senate Bill 368**

Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Membership – Emergency Medical Technicians

Position: **NO POSITION**

Date: February 21, 2023

To: Appropriations

The Caroline County Commissioners want to provide this letter of information for HB 791/SB 368 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Membership – Emergency Medical Technicians.

The Caroline County Commissioners support not only our employees, but all First Responders across the State of Maryland. While this legislation will be beneficial to EMT's if Counties chose to participate, it will likely place Counties who have financial likeness to Caroline County at a competitive disadvantage.

Currently, the State required contribution rate for the current year is 36.2% with the chance of an increasing percentage rate from year-to-year. The Caroline County Office of Finance provided the financial analysis of what the cost would be to add Paramedics (already eligible for LEOPS) and EMT's to LEOPS, (currently, the Caroline County Sheriff's Department is the only participating agency). The cost would be \$671,380 above our current contribution for the first year moving forward. Our office does not have the ability to calculate the cost of the program buy-in for these employees.

In closing, the Caroline County Commissioners support all First Responders and hope to find a financially feasible option for our employees.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding  
President  
Caroline County Commissioners