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(Senate Joint Resolution 31)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and advisability of the State's undertaking to pay a certain part of the percentage contribution of each State employee to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, State employees currently pay varying percentages of their salaries from a minimum of $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent to a maximum of 9 per cent to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, It has been suggested to the General Assembly of Maryland that it would be feasible and advisable for the State of Maryland to undertake the obligation of making at least part of the aforesaid payments on behalf of such State employees thus increasing their "take home pay"; and

Whereas, It has been proposed that since the funds actually contributed on behalf of such State employees by the State of Maryland could not be withdrawn by a State employee upon leaving State service that the cost to the State of Maryland would be relatively slight as compared to the benefits being bestowed upon individual State employees; now therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council be and it is hereby requested to study the feasibility and advisability of the State of Maryland's adopting a plan whereunder it will pay all or a certain part of each State employee's percentage contribution to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland on condition that the money so paid by the State may not be withdrawn by the employee if he should leave State service; and be it further

Resolved, That the said Legislative Council gather all necessary information from the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, other State agencies, departments, bureaus and boards and from any other states which may now have such a plan in force; and be it further

Resolved, That the said Legislative Council be and it is hereby requested to report the results of its study, together with any recommendations it may make, to the General Assembly in 1962.

Approved May 3, 1961.