

CHAPTER 578  
(House Bill 985)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(6) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume) title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 192(7) of Article 77 of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 51(4) of Article 88B of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System," providing for former members of the Maryland State Police Retirement System to reenter the retirement system, providing for former members of the Employees', Teachers', or State Police Retirement Systems to enter any of the other two systems, and relating generally to the laws concerning termination, reentry, and entry of members into the Employees', Teachers' and State Police Retirement Systems.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3(6) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume) title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," and that Section 192(7) of Article 77 of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System," and that Section 51(4) of Article 88B of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 73B

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(6) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member; provided, however, that any member who was absent from service for more than two years on account of the transfer or lease to the United States of the facility or property where said member was employed and who continued to work at the same place as an employee of the United States until the return of the property to the State after the war, when he again became an employee of the State, shall be entitled to credit for all service as an employee of the State before he became an employee of the United States as hereinbefore described and his prior service certificate shall again become effective as if he had not ceased to be an employee of the State. However, any such person who has withdrawn his accumulated contributions (other than one who has become a beneficiary or died) may subsequently redeposit in the retirement system the amount of accumulated contributions previously withdrawn, with interest to the date of redeposit, and regain previous service credit with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of reentry in the retirement system.

Any member who had terminated membership in the Teachers' Retirement System or the State Police Retirement System may and