

Retirement Systems, increasing the lump sum death benefits under the three retirement systems, allowing the boards of trustees of said retirement systems to take certain actions to allow for more favorable tax treatment of lump sum death benefits, limiting benefits under other State-supported pension and retirement plans under certain conditions, clarifying and correcting certain language and definitions, guaranteeing a minimum amount of benefits to members of said retirement systems who retired before a certain date, repealing provisions for payment of supplementary benefits, and relating generally to the Employees', Teachers', and State Police Retirement Systems.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 1, 3, 9(7), 11(3), 11(5), 11(9), 11(11), 11(15), 11A(e), 12(17), 13(2), 14, 15, 16, 26(b), and 27 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Pensions," subtitles "In General" and "Employees of Municipal Corporations," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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The following words and phrases as used in this article, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Retirement System" shall mean the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland as defined in § 2 of this article.

(2) "Department" shall mean any agency of the State government receiving State appropriations and employing persons who are, or who are entitled to become, members of the retirement system.

(3) "Employee" shall mean any regular classified or unclassified officer or employee of the State for whom compensation is provided for by State appropriation, or whose compensation is paid from State funds, including all regular employees of the State Highway Administration, whether classified or unclassified and whether paid on an annual, daily or hourly basis, and shall expressly include those engaged in work on the maintenance [or] OF county roads under the supervision of the State Highway Administration. The term "employee" shall include any appointed or elected employee of the State, and any clerk of any court and register of wills, and shall include the Sheriff of Baltimore City and the employees of his office. It shall exclude any person who is a member of or eligible to membership in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or of the State Police Pension Fund or any judge of the circuit courts, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, Court of Appeals of Maryland, Court of Special Appeals, and District Courts, and any class of employees whose compensation is only partly paid by the State or who are serving on a temporary basis. The term "employee" also shall include any person who was regularly employed by Miners' Hospital in Frostburg and who was a member of the retirement system at the time it was transferred from State ownership, and who continues in employment at the hospital after the transfer, so long as all contributions to the retirement system which are required from both employees and employer are made when and as payable. From and after the time the hospital is transferred from State ownership, the State no longer has the responsibility of paying the employer's share of the contributions. The term "employee" also shall, on and after June 1, 1961, include any person who is regularly employed by the State Military Department as a National Guard technician, although paid by or from federal appropriated funds, provided the employer's contribution to the retirement system, when and as payable, shall be made by the United States, or otherwise, and provided the State shall not be responsible for payment of such employer's contribution. The term "employee" also includes all the several classes of assessors, including supervisors