(h) "Person" includes THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, the state, any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the state, or any of their units, or an individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, or representative of any kind, or any partnership, firm, association, public or private corporation, or any other entity.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.

CHAPTER 352

(Senate Bill 1023)

AN ACT concerning

Optional Retirement Programs - Morgan State University

FOR the purpose of authorizing the board of Morgan State University to adopt the optional retirement program in lieu of the Teachers Retirement System for qualified employees who elect such programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education Section 211(d) and 217(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 211 (d) and 217 (a) of Article 77 — Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

211.

(d) In the event the board of [trustees of the State colleges] MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY adopts an optional retirement program as provided in § 217 of this article, those eligible employees of Morgan State [College] UNIVERSITY who elected to participate in the optional retirement program shall not participate in the Teachers' Retirement System for any period in which they participate in the optional retirement program. They