

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 758.

Senate Bill 758 would authorize a charter county or municipal corporation to enact a local law or ordinance to permit collective bargaining between the county or municipality and the designated exclusive representative of paid fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees.

House Bill 1033, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 758.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 758

AN ACT concerning

~~Public Safety Officers — Employment Rights~~ Local Government — Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain fire and rescue employees employed by certain governmental units may negotiate, through an exclusive representative, with the governmental unit concerning terms and conditions of employment; prohibiting strikes by employees who are covered by this Act; providing for the election of an exclusive representative; requiring an employer and the exclusive representative to make every reasonable effort to settle disputes; providing for mediation and fact finding under certain circumstances; providing for the effect of an agreement; defining certain terms; and generally relating to negotiations for certain fire and rescue employees~~ authorizing charter counties and municipal corporations that engage in certain collective bargaining before specified dates to enact a certain law or ordinance relating to collective bargaining; allowing collective bargaining to include a certain memorandum of understanding; requiring that the memorandum binds the employer under certain circumstances for a certain period; providing for the applicability of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to collective bargaining between certain local government employers and certain fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees.

BY adding to

Article — Labor and Employment

Section 4-501 through 4-510 ~~4-505~~, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
“Subtitle 5. Employment Rights for Public Safety Officers”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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