

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 547.

This bill enhances the benefits of the Charles County Sheriff's Department pension plan. The bill also creates separate pension plans for correctional officers and communications officers of the Charles County Sheriff's Department.

Senate Bill 415, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 9, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 547.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 547

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Sheriff's Department and Communications Employees – Pensions

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of certain pension plans for the Charles County Sheriff's Department that relate to early retirement, computation of benefits, and employee's contributions; providing for credit for certain military service; clarifying to whom the pension plans apply; requiring the County Commissioners for Charles County to establish separate pension plans for certain employees who are classified as correctional officers and employees who are classified as communications employees; providing for the benefits and the employee contributions under the pension plans; and generally relating to pension plans for the Charles County Sheriff's Department and communications employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 3(g-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 – County Commissioners

3.

(g-1)(1) (I) In Charles County the County Commissioners shall establish a separate pension plan for the Charles County Sheriff's department which ~~shall~~ **MAY** include the Sheriff and **SHALL INCLUDE** each sworn employee of the Sheriff's department who is actively engaged in law enforcement.