

Secretary of Budget and Management to notify the Board of Trustees if a member revokes an application for retirement under this Act; providing for the benefits on retirement under this Act; providing that unused sick leave may not be used to determine eligibility for the incentive provided for in this Act or to determine the amount of the incentive provided for under this Act, but shall be used to determine creditable service for computing the retirement allowance; authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a member who retires under this Act from receiving an allowance that exceeds a certain amount; providing that the application shall be void if a member dies prior to the effective date of retirement under certain circumstances; altering the conditions under which a member who retires under this Act may become reemployed by certain employers; limiting the number of employees who retire under this Act from being rehired as temporary or contractual employees; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to monitor the number of employees who retire under this Act who are rehired as temporary or contractual employees; providing for the funding of certain retirement and pension costs under this Act; requiring the State Retirement Agency to submit before a certain date a certain report to the General Assembly; allowing the State Retirement Agency to take a certain number of additional days to process certain retirement applications without affecting an applicant's right to a benefit; requiring the State to pay the entire cost of health insurance premiums for certain former State employees who were laid off under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to make a certain determination and provide certain notice; and generally relating to the retirement of certain members or former members of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-304(d)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Workforce Reduction Act passed by the General Assembly under Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1996 provided for retirement of State employees who were members of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System with an enhanced benefit if they met the requirements for retirement under the Act, including employees whose positions were eliminated in the State budget; and

WHEREAS, The Act also provided for the State to pay the full cost of health insurance for employees who did not retire under the Act but whose position identification numbers were eliminated in the State budget; and

WHEREAS, Some employees were laid off as a result of closure of a State facility, including the Great Oaks Center, but were ineligible to receive benefits because their positions were not eliminated from the State budget; and