

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

[[(7) increase the amount of pension at Social Security retirement age for a Group F member in the Integrated Plan;]]

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(4) increase the amount of pension at Social Security retirement age for certain Group F members and at normal retirement for [[a]] certain Group G [[member]] members in the Optional Plan or Integrated Plan;

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(5) [[with certain exceptions, provide that]] require an application for disability retirement filed by a employee in the Police Bargaining Unit generally must be reviewed under the same process that applies to other members of the Employees' Retirement System;

[[(10)]]

(6) require the Disability Review Panel to establish a deadline for submission of information related to an application for disability benefits for a member who is not a member of the Firefighter/Rescuer Bargaining Unit and establish when the Panel may extend the deadline;

[[(11) include a presumption that a Group G member is entitled to]]

(7) presume a disability is service-connected [[disability retirement benefits]] if [[the member has]] it is an occupational disease [[that is]] compensable under Section 9-503 of the Maryland Workers' Compensation Law, if the member [[:]

[[(a) did not use, or limited the use of, tobacco products;

(b) participated in a cardiovascular fitness assessment and evaluation program; and

(c) if a tobacco-user, participated in a smoking assessment program] meets certain requirements;

[[(12)]]

(8) provide an alternative placement incentive for an employee, other than a member of the Police Bargaining Unit, who is eligible for service-connected disability retirement or continued service-connected disability benefits;

[[(13) for]]

(9) modify the pension benefit paid to a Group G member eligible for service-connected disability retirement [[, provide a two-tiered minimum pension benefit based on the degree of disability]];

[[(14)]]

(10) require that the certified representative pay [[the]] any fees [[associated with the cancellation of]] for canceling a [[scheduled]] Disability Arbitration Board hearing if the [[certified]] representative caused the cancellation and the applicant is