CHAPTER 408

(Senate Bill 480)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership State Retirement and Pension System - Membership and System Study

FOR the purpose of altering certain criteria for consideration by a certain actuarial consulting firm for a certain study of the State Retirement and Pension System; altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing that certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System may receive a normal service retirement or a deferred vested retirement allowance under certain circumstances; requiring the transfer of certain member contributions to the annuity savings fund of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing for a refund of certain member contributions under certain circumstances; providing that certain transfers of credit between the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems and the Correctional Officers' Retirement System are not governed by certain provisions of law; and generally relating to membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and a study of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Personnel and Pensions Section <u>21-125.1</u>, 25-201, 25-401, and 29-302(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

<u>21–125.1.</u>

- (a) Beginning on or before September 1, 2008, and every 5 years thereafter, the Joint Committee on Pensions shall commission an actuarial consulting firm to conduct a study of the several systems in addition to the actuarial investigation and valuation performed by the actuary under § 21–125 of this subtitle and a comparison of the several systems with other similarly situated public pension plans.
- (b) The actuarial consulting firm shall consider the following issues with regard to the several systems and other similarly situated public pension plans: