

HOUSE BILL 1171

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By: **Delegates Vogt, McKay, and K. Young**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Employees – Required Training on Retirement Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish a training
4 program for certain public school employees regarding certain available retirement
5 benefits; requiring the Department to offer the training to public school employees
6 at least once per year; requiring the Department to work in consultation with staff
7 from the State Retirement Agency and staff from the Maryland Supplemental
8 Retirement Plans to provide the training program; requiring public school employees
9 to attend the training each year and to provide written confirmation to the
10 Department that the employee completed the training requirement; defining a
11 certain term; and generally relating to required training on retirement benefits for
12 public school employees.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Education
15 Section 6–122
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **6–122.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
23 WHO:

24 (1) IS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD; AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) (I) IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ONE OF THE STATE**
2 **SYSTEMS SPECIFIED UNDER § 21-102 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS**
3 **ARTICLE; OR**

4 **(II) IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE**
5 **SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS SPECIFIED UNDER TITLE 35 OF THE STATE**
6 **PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.**

7 **(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR**
8 **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ON THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE**
9 **TO THE EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM AND**
10 **THE MARYLAND SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS.**

11 **(2) AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER THE**
12 **TRAINING PROGRAM TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.**

13 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH STAFF FROM**
14 **THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY AND STAFF FROM THE MARYLAND**
15 **SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING PROGRAM TO**
16 **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.**

17 **(D) EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL**
18 **EMPLOYEE TO:**

19 **(1) ATTEND THE TRAINING PROGRAM; AND**

20 **(2) PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT**
21 **THE EMPLOYEE COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIREMENT.**

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
23 **October 1, 2017.**