

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 50-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 6, 2024

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Introduced and first read on May 6, 2024  
Public Hearing set for and held on June 3, 2024  
Bill VOTED on June 17, 2024  
Bill Expires August 9, 2024

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Deferred Retirement Option Program – Term  
2 of Participation Period

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4 FOR the purpose of providing a seventh year of participation for certain DROP  
5 participants; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to  
6 pensions.

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8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 5-1-506(b)  
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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11 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
12 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

### 13 ARTICLE 5. PENSIONS

### 14 TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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18 **5-1-506. Participation period; mandatory retirement upon expiration.**

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20 **(b) Term of participation period.**

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22 (1) The initial term of a DROP participation period is three years. Except as  
23 otherwise provided in [[paragraph (4),] PARAGRAPHS (5), (6), AND (7), the DROP  
24 participation period may be extended by no more than three additional one-year terms for

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 all participants who qualify for participation in DROP under § 5-1-503. A DROP  
2 participant shall file an election for each extension on the form required by the Personnel  
3 Officer no fewer than 30 days before the end of the current term. Failure of a DROP  
4 participant to file a timely election for an extension results in the expiration of the DROP  
5 participation period at the end of the current term.

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7 (2) A participant who is a member of the Detention Officers' and Deputy Sheriffs'  
8 Retirement Plan must have the approval of the appointing authority to extend the DROP  
9 participation period beyond the initial term and to continue employment with the County.

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11 (3) A participant who is a member of the Fire Service Retirement Plan, who is in  
12 the classification of Fire Division Chief, Fire Deputy Chief, Fire Assistant Chief or Fire  
13 Chief must have the approval of the appointing authority to extend the DROP participation  
14 period ~~[[to a sixth]]~~ BEYOND THE FIFTH year.

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16 (4) A PARTICIPANT WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE SERVICE RETIREMENT PLAN IN  
17 THE CLASSIFICATION OF FIRE FIGHTER (ALL LEVELS), FIRE LIEUTENANT, FIRE CAPTAIN,  
18 OR FIRE BATTALION CHIEF MUST HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
19 TO EXTEND THE DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD BEYOND THE SIXTH YEAR.

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21 ~~[[ (4) ]]~~ (5) Effective July 1, 2023, for a participant who is a member of the Police  
22 Service Retirement Plan, the DROP participation period may be extended for an additional  
23 one-year term, for a total of seven years, subject to the following:

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25 (i) A DROP participant in the classification of Police Captain, Police Major,  
26 Police Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief of Police, or Police Chief must have the approval of  
27 the appointing authority to extend the DROP participation period beyond the fifth year;  
28 and

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30 (ii) A DROP participant in the classification of Police Officer First Class, Police  
31 Corporal, Police Sergeant, or Police Lieutenant must have the approval of the appointing  
32 authority to extend the DROP participation period beyond the sixth year.

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34 (6) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, FOR A PARTICIPANT WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE  
35 SERVICE RETIREMENT PLAN IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF FIRE FIGHTER (ALL LEVELS), FIRE  
36 LIEUTENANT, FIRE CAPTAIN, FIRE BATTALION CHIEF, FIRE DIVISION CHIEF, FIRE DEPUTY  
37 CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, OR FIRE CHIEF, THE DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD MAY BE  
38 EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM, FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN YEARS.

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40 (7) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, FOR A PARTICIPANT WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE  
41 DETENTION OFFICERS' AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT PLAN IN THE  
42 CLASSIFICATION OF DETENTION OFFICER, DETENTION CORPORAL, DETENTION SERGEANT,  
43 DETENTION LIEUTENANT, OR DETENTION CAPTAIN, OR IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF  
44 ASSISTANT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
45 ADMINISTRATOR HIRED BEFORE OCTOBER 29, 2020, THE DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD  
46 MAY BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM, FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN YEARS.

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48 SECTION. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Ordinance shall  
49 apply retroactively to July 1, 2024.

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51 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
52 from the date it becomes law.

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READ AND PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

By Order:

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Kaley Schultze  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

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Kaley Schultze  
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

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Steuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 2024

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
BILL NO. 50-24 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES  
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

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**Kaley Schultze  
Administrative Officer**