



March 29, 2018

Dear Legislative Committee Members and Legislative Staffers:

MACo has received word from Committee Staff that the House Oversight Committee on Pensions will be meeting **today** to discuss HB 971 – **a bill that MACo strongly opposes.**

Even if the committee amends some of the worst parts of the bill, it still will be an intrusive, costly, and difficult-to-administer mandate on how counties manage their personnel.

**PLEASE CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR TODAY BEFORE 1 PM –  
ASK THEM TO REPORT UNFAVORABLE ON HB 971, THE LISANTI PENSIONS BILL**

[HB 971 Local Pension Systems - Special Disability Retirement Allowance](#)

#### **TALKING POINTS**

- HB 971 mandates that county governments grant a life-time pension allowance to public safety, law enforcement, and emergency response employees based on one doctor's finding of a disability.
- Counties currently provide substantial coverage to officers injured in the line of duty through pension, workers' compensation, and long term disability benefits, in addition to back-to-work initiatives and training, and other programs.
- This bill is an unnecessary intrusion into local personnel matters that creates unknown costs for local taxpayer-supported plans and violates collective bargaining agreements.

## YOUR LEGISLATORS

<i>Counties Affected</i>	<i>Estimated number of public safety, law enforcement, and emergency response employees</i>	<i>Member of House Appropriations Pensions Oversight Committee</i>	<i>Delegate Phone Numbers</i>
<i>ANNE ARUNDEL</i>	2017	Barnes, Ben (Chair)	410-841-3046
<i>BALTIMORE CITY</i>	4009	Lierman, Brooke E. Haynes, Keith E.	410-841-3319 410-841-3801
<i>BALTIMORE COUNTY</i>	3927	Young, Pat, Grammer, Robin L., Jr.	410-841-3544 410-841-3298
<i>CALVERT</i>	198	Jackson, Michael A.	410-841-3103
<i>CARROLL</i>	271	Vogt, David E., III Ciliberti, Barrie S.	410-841-3118 410-841-3080
<i>FREDERICK</i>	690	Vogt, David E., III Ciliberti, Barrie S. Krimm, Carol L.	410-841-3118 410-841-3080 410-841-3472
<i>HOWARD</i>	1250	Lam, Clarence K.	410-841-3205
<i>MONTGOMERY</i>	3500	Reznik, Kirill Gutierrez, Ana Sol	410-841-3039 410-841-3181
<i>WASHINGTON</i>	Not yet calculated	McKay, Mike	410-841-3321

**PLEASE CALL TODAY BY 1:00 PM.**

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