

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 63-26

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All Councilmembers

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By the County Council, May 12, 2026

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Employees Retirement System – County Council Members – Repeal of Bill 40-24 –  
Clarification on Effective Date of Repeal

FOR the purpose of clarifying the intent of the County Council regarding the effective date of  
Bill 19-24; and generally relating to the Employees Retirement System.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 2 of Bill 19-26

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2024, the Council passed Bill 40-24, which changed the  
calculation of Councilmember service retirement allowances such that the salary upon which the  
calculation is based would be the current Councilmember salary rather than the highest salary  
earned by the retired Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2026, the Council unanimously passed Bill 19-26, which  
repealed Bill 40-24 and enacted a provision requiring any future change to Councilmember

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

pensions treated the same as changes to Councilmember salaries, including the review and recommendation of the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board (“PSAB”); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Bill 19-26 stated that the bill “shall take effect 45 days from its date of enactment” which is the standard effective date for all enacted bills under Section 308(f) of the County Charter; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2026, Bill 19-26, as amended was enacted when the County Executive returned the bill unsigned, resulting in the bill’s effective date as May 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in unanimously passing Bill 19-26, it was the intent of the Council to revert to the status quo prior to the passage of Bill 40-24, and to foreclose the possibility of any Councilmember retiring under the rules enacted by Bill 40-24; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Council’s intent is followed, it is necessary to amend the effective date of Bill 19-26; now therefore

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

3 **Bill 19-26**

4 **Employees Retirement System – County Council Members – Repeal of Bill 40-24**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, [that this Act shall take effect 45 days  
6 from the date of its enactment.] that this Act, having been passed by the affirmative vote of five  
7 members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the date of enactment.

8 **End of Bill 19-26**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
10 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect from the date of its  
11 enactment and shall apply retroactively to April 10, 2026.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ENACTED \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

## ROLL CALL - BILL

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Councilman Patoka

Councilman Jones

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