

**RESOLUTION NO. 691**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY  
AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER TO THE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, (“Dorchester County”) has determined it would be in the best interests of Dorchester County and its citizens, and the law enforcement officers, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians employed by Dorchester County, which are eligible pursuant to § 31-2A-02 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article (collectively the “ Law Enforcement Employees”), to withdraw eligible Law Enforcement Employees from the Employees’ Pension System (“EPS”) and transfer them to the Law Enforcement Employees’ Pension System (“LEOPS”) operated and maintained by the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (“System”) for eligible law enforcement personnel throughout the State of Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Personnel and Pensions Article (“SPP”), § 31-2A-03(a), at least sixty percent (60%) of the eligible Law Enforcement Employees have petitioned to become members of LEOPS, and have elected to withdraw and make a transfer from the EPS to the LEOPS under the terms and conditions appertaining thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SPP § 31-2A-03(a)(1), a Resolution of the County Council of Dorchester County is required by the System to approve and effectuate participation of eligible Law Enforcement Employees in the LEOPS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Council of Dorchester County, hereby authorizes, approves, and agrees to implement the LEOPS for eligible Law Enforcement Employees in Dorchester County, and further agrees to the withdrawal of such Law Enforcement Employees from the EPS and the transfer of such Law Enforcement Employees to the LEOPS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, approves the withdrawal of Law Enforcement Employees from the EPS effective on June 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m., and participation in the LEOPS effective on July 1, 2026 at 12:00 a.m., pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, State Personnel and Pension Article, § 31-2A-03(a) and § 31-302; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that in accordance with SPP § 26-202(b)(1)(vi)2 and (2), eligible Law Enforcement Employees hired on or before June 30, 2026 shall have a one-time irrevocable election to join and participate in the LEOPS effective July 1, 2026, by submitting a written application to the State Retirement Agency before July 1, 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that in accordance with SPP §§ 26-201(a)(6), 26-202(a), and 31-2A-03(a)(2)(iii), all eligible Law Enforcement Employees hired on or after July 1, 2026 shall not be entitled to join the EPS, but shall be in and part of the LEOPS; and

INTRODUCED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on


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April 7, 2026, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.


ADOPTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on April 21, 2026, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21 day of April 2026.

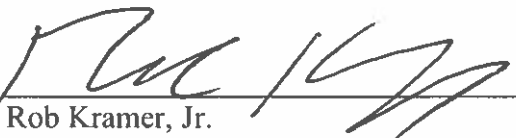
ATTEST:

  
Jerry Jones  
County Manager

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Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System (LEOPS)

PETITION

The below listed personnel of Dorchester County are eligible to join the LEOPS effective July 1, 2026. Personnel listed have indicated their position to join or not by their yes or no vote and by signature and date.

EMPLOYEE NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE	YES	NO
Madison Dowling	Madison Dowling	4/3/26	✓	
Adam Mickey	Adam Mickey	4/3/26	✓	
Madolje Foxwell	Madolje Foxwell	4/3/26	✓	
Grant Carr	Grant Carr	4/3/26	✓	
Charles Laybold	Charles Laybold	4-3-26	✓	
Caleb Scott	Caleb Scott	4-3-26	✓	
Wynne Sides	Wynne Sides	4-3-26	✓	
Edward Dean	Edward Dean	4-3-26	✓	
Carthay Jarrell	Carthay Jarrell	4/3/2026	✓	
Melissa Wilson	Melissa Wilson	4/3/2026	✓	
Michael Flaherty	Michael Flaherty	4/4/26	✓	
Joseph Kupala	Joseph Kupala	4/4/26	✓	
Shane Shriver	Shane Shriver	4/4/26	✓	
Juanita Dray	Juanita Dray	4/4/26	✓	
Bernard Ahrens	Bernard Ahrens	4/4/26	✓	
Tyler Edgar	Tyler Edgar	4/4/26	✓	
Megan Murphy	Megan Murphy	4/4/26	✓	
Quiana Lynn Darby	Quiana Lynn Darby	4-4-26	✓	
Jay Mitchell Simmons	Jay Mitchell Simmons	4/5/26	✓	
Hubert Allen Meekins	Hubert Allen Meekins	4/5/2026	✓	
Bridget Harding	Bridget Harding	4/5/26	✓	
Jessica Thomas	Jessica Thomas	4-6-26	✓	
Kyle Cole	Kyle Cole	4-6-26	✓	
DAVID CARRIER	David Carrier	4/6/26	✓	
Michelle Lednum	Michelle Lednum	4/6/26	✓	
Debbie Wheeler	Debbie Wheeler	4/7/26	✓	

