

**RESOLUTION NO. 692****A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY  
AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO THE  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County, Maryland, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland (collectively referred to herein as "Dorchester County"), is a participating employer in the Employees' Pension System ("EPS"); and

**WHEREAS**, local detention center officers ("Officers") employed by Dorchester County who currently participate in the EPS are also eligible to participate in the Correctional Officers Retirement System ("CORS") in accordance with SPP §§ 25-201, 31-2B-01(d) and 31-2B-09; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County has determined it would be in the best interests of Dorchester County and its citizens, and the eligible Officers, effective on July 1, 2026, to become a participating governmental unit in CORS, which is operated and maintained by the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System ("System") for eligible Correctional personnel throughout the State of Maryland, and withdraw eligible Officers from the EPS and transfer them, effective on July 1, 2026, to the CORS; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SPP § 31-2B-03(a), at least sixty percent (60%) of the eligible Officers have petitioned to become members of CORS, and have elected to withdraw and make a transfer from the EPS to the CORS under the terms and conditions appertaining thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SPP § 31-2B-03(a)(1), a Resolution of the County Council of Dorchester County is required by the System to approve and effectuate participation of eligible Officers in the CORS; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation introduced during the 2026 session of the General Assembly, House Bill 744 and Senate Bill 614, proposed to become effective on July 1, 2026, and to be codified in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Personnel and Pensions Article ("SPP"), § 31-2B-09, if enacted, will provide that if Dorchester County becomes a participating governmental unit in the CORS, membership in the CORS is mandatory for eligible Officers employed by Dorchester County before the effective date and who remain employed by Dorchester County through the effective date, or in a permanent full-time position after the effective date; and

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

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

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that it is the intent of the County Council that in accordance with House Bill 744 and Senate Bill 614, to be codified at SPP § 31-2B-09, membership in the CORS for eligible Officers hired on or before June 30, 2026 who remain employed as Officers through July 1, 2026 is mandatory, and eligible Officers shall join and participate in the CORS effective July 1, 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that in accordance with SPP §§ 25-201(a)(3), 25-202(a), 31-2B-05(b) and 31-2B-09, all eligible Officers hired on or after July 1, 2026 shall not be entitled to join the EPS, but shall be in and part of the CORS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these resolutions are subject to the enactment of House Bill 744 and Senate Bill 614.

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

  
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Jerry Jones  
County Manager

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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**Correctional Officers' Retirement System (CORS)**

**PETITION**

The below listed personnel of Dorchester County are eligible to join the CORS 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
AUBREY, CORY	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
BAILEY, KUTIESHA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
BARNES, PATRICK				
BIRCHETT, JADA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
BOWEN-WARD, BRITINA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/6/24	✓	
CAIN, LAWAYNE	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-7-26	✓	
CHESTER, ANGELA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
CHESTER, ROSALIND	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
DELA CRUZ, VINCE	VINCE DELA CRUZ	4/3/26	✓	
DENNIS, LASITEKA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
DIETRICH, GERALD	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
ELZEY, BRIAN				
ELZEY, GREGORY	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-24	✓	
FLETCHER, TREMAIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
HANCOCK, JOSEPH	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/24	✓	
HORNBER, JACQUELINE	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/6/26	✓	
GOMEZ, CORY	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
KEMP, DAVID	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
KINNAMON, DON	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
LOGAN, MARK	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-3-26	✓	
NELSON, ARTHUR	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
MCCRAY, GABRIEL	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
PARKS, BENJAMIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
PEARSON, JAYDEN	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
PRITCHARD, MICHAEL	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
REITZ, CHRISTOPHER	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/8/26	✓	
ROBINSON, DALTON	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	
ROBINSON, THOMAS	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/3/26	✓	

