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| TT: SUBJECT                 | City Council Bill 12-0031<br>Employees' Retirement System     | MEMO                 | 1797   |
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The Honorable Bernard "Jack" Young and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 406 City Hall 100 N. Holiday Street DATE:

3/29/12

## Recommended Position

The Office of the Labor Commissioner (OLC) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0031, which proposes, in part, to decrease interest rates for accumulation of member contributions, as well as change time limits for the filing of retirement applications.

As the bill is currently written, members may retire upon written application, which date must be the 1st day of a month and not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days following the filing of the application. The bill proposes to change the 30 days to 45 days.

In addition, the interest rate for accumulation of member contributions is currently  $5\ 1/2\ \%$  and proposed changes include a reduction to 5.25%.

In light of the City's financial restraints, the OLC supports City Council Bill 12-0031.

