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	Subject	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0357 /Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System-Interest, Service Credits, Death Benefits, Direct Deposit and Technical Corrections		

TO The Honorable Bernard "Jack" Young and
Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street, Room 409

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Recommended Position

The Department of Human Resources ("DHR") reviewed the above captioned City Council Bill.

DHR fully supports the following:

- Repealing certain obsolete and obsolescent provisions;
- Changing the definition of regular interest for valuation purposes;
- Clarifying the crediting of military service under certain circumstances;
- Modifying the calculation of the cost of purchasing and transferring prior system service,
- Non-credited City service, former Maryland Police Corps service, and service earned for employment covered under a former non-City pension;
- Expanding the definition of "minor child" for certain purposes;
- Allowing certain spousal beneficiaries age 70 and over to remarry without penalty of losing benefits;
- Allowing new beneficiary elections and survivorship option elections within certain time periods;
- Requiring that, after a certain date and subject to certain exceptions, periodic benefit payments be made electronically; and
- Defining certain terms; providing for special effective dates.

Accordingly, Article II, Section II gives the Mayor and City Council authority to establish a pension system for the Fire and Police Retirement Systems.