

ten percent in the retirement allowance for members who retire under "ordinary disability." The Board of Trustees feel, and I agree, that it would be unwise to make any change affecting this particular provision of the existing retirement law.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

May 7, 1951

Hon. John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill No. 341 would permit teachers and other employees who did not join the Teachers' Retirement System at the date of its establishment on April 1, 1927, to now become members and receive credit for prior and membership service if retroactive payments are made to the system. The entire cost for prior service (previous to April 1927) would be paid by the State of Maryland; the cost of membership service (after April 1927) would be paid on the basis of approximately one-half by the teacher and one-half by the State of Maryland.

The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System has called my attention to the fact that these teachers and other employees were given an opportunity of becoming members of the system during the period of April 1927 and April 1928, under the provisions of the law, and receive credit for all prior service. The teachers and other employees who would benefit under the proposed law consist of those who have never joined the system up to this time, as well as teachers and employees who became members of the system at a date subsequent to April 1, 1927.

I am returning this Bill without my approval because the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System and I believe it would be unwise to make any change affecting this particular provision of the existing requirement law.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor