

CHAPTER 481

(Senate Bill 253)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 112 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 8. Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions", sub-heading "Teachers' Retirement System", to permit members of the Teachers' Retirement System to obtain service credit for service rendered by them under an emergency teaching certificate.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 112 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 8. Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions", sub-heading "Teachers' Retirement System", be and it hereby is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

112.

(1) Under such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees shall adopt each member who was a teacher at any time during the year immediately preceding the establishment of the system and who becomes a member during the first year of operation of the Retirement System, shall file a detailed statement of all service as a teacher rendered by him prior to the date of establishment for which he claims credit, including service in a similar capacity rendered as a teacher outside the State of Maryland.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall fix and determine by appropriate rules and regulations how much service in any year is equivalent to one year of service, but except as otherwise provided, in no case shall more than one year of service be creditable for all service in one calendar year. The Board of Trustees, under such rules and regulations as it shall adopt, shall allow credit, however, to members absent in the military service during World War I or within the periods and under the provisions specified in S. 88 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), for the period of their absence, provided that such members were teachers when they entered such military service and who again became teachers. However, any teacher whose board of education had granted him a leave of absence immediately before he left for military service shall be considered to have left the teaching profession for military service. Service rendered for the regular school year in any district shall be equivalent to one year's service.

(3) Subject to the above restrictions and to such other rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt, the Board of Trustees shall verify, as soon as practicable after the filing of such statements of service, the service therein claimed.

(4) Upon verification of the statements of service the Board of Trustees shall issue prior service certificates certifying to each member the length of service rendered prior to the day of the establishment of the retirement system, with which he is credited on the basis of his statement of service. So long as membership continues a prior service certificate shall be final and conclusive for retirement purposes as to such service, provided, however, that any member