

Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Militia", sub-title "Re-employment of Persons in Military Service", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) The rights and status of any such person who may be absent in such military service shall be as follows in any pension or retirement fund or system, including the Teachers Retirement System of the State of Maryland: During the period of such absence, no such person or his estate shall have any right or be entitled to ordinary disability benefits, accidental disability benefits, death benefits, optional allowances or other disability or death benefits in any such fund or system. Any such person, during such absence except as herein otherwise specified, shall retain his status and rights as a member of any such pension or retirement fund or system (a) if he does not withdraw any part of his accumulated contributions, and (b) if within one year from the time he is relieved from active duty or service he shall again be actively employed by his employer or employing unit at the time he left for active service, and (c) if he shall not have previously taken any other employment. If under the above restrictions any such person be again actively employed by his said former employer or employing unit, within one year from the time he is relieved from active duty, he shall receive credit as membership service for the period of his absence. During the period of such absence of any person who was employed by the State or any agency thereof, including teachers, at the time he entered active service, the State or agency thereof shall make its contribution on behalf of such employee as it would have made had he not been absent and had retained his status as an employee during the period of his absence and shall also make on behalf of such employee the contribution which such employee would have made had he not been absent and had retained his status as an employee during the period of his absence. Such person however, shall have no right to withdraw any part of any such contribution made by the State or any agency. The Boards, trustees or others charged with the administration of any pension or retirement fund or system are hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section, any present rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding.

(b) The Boards, trustees or others charged with the administration of any pension or retirement fund or system, including the Teachers Retirement System of the State of