

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, a member may not accumulate more than 15 days of sick leave a year.

(c) For the purposes of this section, if any employer provides an annual sick leave allowance in excess of 15 days, the days of sick leave actually used in any year shall be charged first to the extent of the excess.

(D) A MEMBER WHO TERMINATES SERVICE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN RETIREMENT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990, AND WHO IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO A VESTED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE, MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE REPORTED BY THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYER AT TIME OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

[(d)] (E) Sick leave creditable service may not be used to determine the years of eligibility service required for the following:

- (i) Death benefit;
- (ii) Ordinary disability;
- (iii) Vesting of employer contributions;
- (iv) Early retirement; and
- (v) Average final compensation.

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(15) Any member whose service is terminated other than by death or retirement after [he] THE MEMBER has rendered 5 or more years of eligibility service shall be eligible to receive a vested retirement allowance. The vested retirement allowance shall be a deferred allowance that begins at age 62 and shall be computed as a service retirement allowance as provided under subsection (2) of this section on the basis of the member's average final compensation and creditable service at the time [his] service is terminated.

FOR ANY MEMBER WHO TERMINATES SERVICE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990, UNUSED SICK LEAVE REPORTED BY THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYER AT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING THE VESTED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

If, on the date of [his] termination, a member has completed 15 years of eligibility service but has not reached age 55, when [he] THE FORMER MEMBER is 55 years old, [he] THE FORMER MEMBER is eligible to receive a vested retirement allowance, beginning on the first day of the month next following, in a reduced amount which shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of this section.

If a person who is eligible for a vested retirement allowance requests the return of [his] THE MEMBER'S contributions, the amount of [his] accumulated contributions shall be returned and, when [he] THE MEMBER is 62 years old or an earlier date as applicable under the preceding paragraph, [he] THE FORMER MEMBER shall