

so long, and in such amount, as the retirement board may determine; provided, however, that in no event shall the total sum received annually by such member, under this section, including his annuity and the additional allowance above provided for, exceed half of his average annual salary throughout his entire period of service as determined by the retirement board.

If such retiring member should die before receiving in the form of an annuity all of the accumulations up to the time of his disability from his own and the State's annual contributions on his account, the balance shall be paid to his or her legal representatives, as he or she may elect, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the retirement board.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That (1) any member of the retirement association withdrawing from service in the public schools of the State, or any educational institution supported and controlled by the State, by resignation or dismissal, before becoming eligible to retirement under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to receive from the annuity fund all amounts contributed thereto as assessments, and, if at the time of such withdrawal, such member shall have served in the public schools of the State or in any educational institutions supported and controlled by the State, six years or more, he shall be entitled to receive, in addition, the contributions made by the State on his account as hereinbefore provided, but if dismissed, he should not receive the State's contribution.

(2) In case of the death of such member under the circumstances above set forth, the several amounts to which he would be entitled, if living, shall be paid to a surviving husband or wife, or to the legal representatives of such deceased member, as may be elected, subject to the rules and regulations of the retirement board.

(3) In the case of the death or withdrawal from service of such member before the completion of six years of service in the public schools of the State or in any educational institutions supported and controlled by the State, the contributions made by the State on his account, as hereinbefore provided, shall be placed in the reserve fund hereinafter established, for the general purposes of the retirement system.