

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 except temporary employment after he has applied for re-employment in his former classification or position in the State Service, and has been refused immediate re-employment for causes beyond his control; provided, however, that if such person has withdrawn any part of his accumulated contributions, he shall be entitled to repay the sum withdrawn into the pension or retirement fund or system, including the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, with regular interest thereon to the date of repayment and, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to the benefits of this section as if such withdrawal had not been made. If under the above restrictions any such person be again actively employed or reinstated as a regular employee on a leave of absence, in any position for which membership in any pension or retirement fund or system, including the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, is made a condition of employment 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 contributions 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 contributions 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved March 31, 1953.