

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3 (6) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Pensions", subtitle "In General", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(6) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member; provided, however, that any member who was absent from service for more than two years on account of the transfer or lease to the United States of the facility or property where said member was employed and who continued to work at the same place as an employee of the United States until the return of the property to the State after the war, when he again became an employee of the State, shall be entitled to credit for all service as an employee of the State before he became an employee of the United States as hereinbefore described and his prior service certificate shall again become effective as if he had not ceased to be an employee of the State. However, any such person who has withdrawn his accumulated contributions (other than one who has become a beneficiary or died) may [upon approval of the board] subsequently redeposit in the retirement system the amount of accumulated contributions previously withdrawn, with interest to the date of redeposit, and regain previous service credit with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of re-entry in the retirement system.

Any member who had terminated membership in the Teachers' Retirement System may [upon approval of the board] and upon deposit into the Employees' Retirement System of the accumulated contributions previously withdrawn from the Teachers' System, with interest to date of deposit, receive credit in the Employees' System for the service that had previously been terminated with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of entry in the Employees' Retirement System.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 110 (7) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education", subtitle "Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions", subheading "Teachers' Retirement System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(7) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than five years, or should he withdraw his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member. However, any such person who has withdrawn his accumulated contributions (other than one who has become a beneficiary or died) may [upon approval of the board] subsequently redeposit in the Retirement System the amount of accumulated contributions previously withdrawn, with interest to the date of redeposit, and regain previous service credit with the condition, how-