

## CHAPTER 691

(House Bill 44)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(1) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General"; Sections 192(1) and 198(6)(c) of Article 77 of said Code (1969 Supplement REPLACEMENT VOLUME), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System"; Section 51(1) of Article 88B of said Code (1964 1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System," to provide that new State employees, teachers, and State Policemen may join their respective Retirement Systems at any time within the first two years of employment, but must join at the end of that period; to provide that the rate of contribution shall be determined by his age at the time he joins the system and will not be reduced for reason of service prior to joining; to permit the purchase of credit for service before joining by paying contributions plus interest ~~only at the time he retires~~ PRIOR TO RETIREMENT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3(1) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 73B.

3.

The membership of the retirement system shall consist of the following:

(1) Any person who shall become an employee as herein defined after the date of establishment ~~[shall]~~ *may* become a member of the retirement system *at any time within the first two years of his employment, but if he has not previously joined must become a member at the end of that period as a condition of employment,* and shall not be entitled to receive any pension or retirement allowance from any other pension or retirement system if that pension or retirement allowance is supported wholly or in part by the State of Maryland, anything to the contrary notwithstanding, except benefits from social security. *The rate of contribution of the employee shall be determined by his age at the time he actually joins the system, and will not be reduced for reason of service prior to joining, provided, however, that any employee may purchase credit for service before joining by paying the contributions due plus interest. Such purchase may be made ~~only at time~~ of AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO retirement.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 192(1) and 198(6)(c) of Article 77 of said Code (1969 Supplement REPLACEMENT VOLUME), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: