

the date of payment.]

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(5) (a) Creditable service at retirement on which the retirement allowance of a member shall be based shall consist of the membership service rendered by him since he last became a member and [also, if he has a prior service certificate which is in full force and effect, the period of the] service certified [on his] AS prior service [certificate].

[In addition, any person who at any time had previous State service with membership in the Maryland State Police Pension Fund shall be credited with such service for creditable service purposes.]

(B) CREDIT MAY BE REGAINED IF A MEMBER DEPOSITS IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM THE ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, IN A LUMP SUM AND WITH INTEREST TO DATE OF DEPOSIT, ON CONDITION THAT THE MEMBER MAY NOT RETIRE WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, EXCEPT THAT THE 3-YEAR CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY TO RETIREMENT DUE TO DISABILITY.

[(t) (i)] (6) (A) Upon verification to the board of trustees a member at the time of retirement shall receive membership service for unused sick leave in accordance with the formula that 22 days of unused sick leave are equal to one month of membership service. One additional month of membership service shall be granted if fractional days totaling 11 or more result from the application of this formula.

[(ii)] (B) For the purpose of this [section] PARAGRAPH, no more than 15 days of sick leave of any member may be accumulated annually.

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

[(iv)] (D) Sick leave membership services shall not be used to determine years of membership service required for the following:

- (1) Death benefit;
- (2) Ordinary disability;
- (3) Vesting of employer contributions;
- (4) Early retirement; or