

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
- (5) Average final compensation.

[(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, all members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland who were employees of the State prior to April 1, 1917 and left their positions to serve in World War I and who later reentered the employment of the State without intervening employment elsewhere and have since continued as and are at present members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State, shall be entitled to prior service credit for any part of the period of such World War I service not otherwise credited and allowable under the provisions of this article upon verification of such service by the board of trustees, provided that application for such prior service credit is made prior to January 1, 1950.]

(7) (A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, every employee of the State or of a participating municipal corporation, who is or becomes a member of the Employees' Retirement System and who at any previous time since October 1, 1941, was an employee of the State or of one or more of the counties or municipal corporations of this State, and whose previous employment by the State or county or municipal corporation of this State was not terminated at his own volition, shall receive in the Employees' Retirement System service credit for the time spent as a member of the Employees' Retirement System in