

SERVICE FOR ANY PERIOD DURING WHICH A TEACHER IS ON AN APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE THAT IS INCLUDED IN HIS ELIGIBILITY SERVICE UNDER § 143(5) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(7) ANY CREDITABLE SERVICE TO WHICH A MEMBER RESTORED TO SERVICE WAS ENTITLED AT THE TIME OF HIS PREVIOUS TERMINATION OF SERVICE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE RESTORED UNDER § 143(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE RESTORED TO HIM PROVIDED HE REPAYS THE AMOUNT OF ANY ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS OR ANY LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT RECEIVED ON HIS PRIOR TERMINATION OF SERVICE, WITH INTEREST AT A RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HOWEVER, THAT MEMBER MAY WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF THE ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS, IN WHICH CASE, ON RETIREMENT, ANY SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OR ANY ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO THE MEMBER SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HE HAD NOT REPAID, WITH INTEREST TO DATE OF RETIREMENT.

(8) (A) ON VERIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES A MEMBER AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT SHALL RECEIVE CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMULA THAT 22 DAYS OF UNUSED SICK LEAVE ARE EQUAL TO 1 MONTH OF CREDITABLE SERVICE. ONE ADDITIONAL MONTH OF CREDITABLE SERVICE SHALL BE GRANTED IF FRACTIONAL DAYS TOTALING 11 OR MORE RESULT FROM THE APPLICATION OF THIS FORMULA.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER MAY NOT ACCUMULATE MORE THAN 15 DAYS OF SICK LEAVE A YEAR.

(C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDES AN ANNUAL SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCE IN EXCESS OF 15 DAYS, THE DAYS OF SICK LEAVE ACTUALLY USED IN ANY YEAR SHALL BE CHARGED FIRST TO THE EXTENT OF THE EXCESS.

(D) SICK LEAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE MAY NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) DEATH BENEFIT;
- (2) ORDINARY DISABILITY;
- (3) VESTING OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS;
- (4) EARLY RETIREMENT; AND
- (5) AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(9) IN THE YEAR OF HIS RETIREMENT, A MEMBER MAY RECEIVE CREDIT OF UP TO 10 YEARS TOWARDS ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER § 145 OF THIS SUBTITLE; IF THE MEMBER FILES CLAIM FOR IT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PAYS INTO THIS PENSION SYSTEM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE RESERVES REQUIRED TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE, WHICH MAY BE PAID ON AN INSTALLMENT BASIS BY CONTRIBUTING NOT LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF COMPENSATION PER YEAR WITH-THE-APPROPRIATE