

DEPENDENTS, DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM, THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES, OR ANY OTHER DEPENDENTS, EXCEPT BENEFITS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY.

155. RESERVED.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

156. CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERVING IN ANY OF THE FIRST SIX JOB CLASSIFICATIONS WHO HAS COMPLETED 20 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND WHO HAS SERVED AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN ONE OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIREMENT MAY RETIRE AND RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE THAT IS EQUAL TO $1/55$ OF HIS AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE. RETIREMENT FOR A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN THESE CLASSIFICATIONS IS MANDATORY WHEN HE IS 60 YEARS OLD; HOWEVER, YEAR-TO-YEAR EXTENSIONS MAY BE PERMITTED BEYOND AGE 60 WITH THE APPROVAL OF:

(I) THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION; AND

(II) THE DIRECTOR OF PATUXENT INSTITUTION FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THAT INSTITUTION.

(B) THE BENEFITS FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY FOR ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN THESE CLASSIFICATIONS, WHO HAS SERVED AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN ONE OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIREMENT, SHALL BE COMPUTED AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. THE BENEFIT FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY SHALL BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED BY § 11(7) OF THIS ARTICLE. IN CASES OF VESTED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED UNDER § 11(15) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE BENEFITS PAYABLE TO ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN THESE CLASSIFICATIONS WHO HAS SERVED AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN ONE OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS, FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIREMENT, SHALL BEGIN WHEN HE IS 55 YEARS OLD.

(C) THE BENEFITS PAYABLE ON THE DEATH OF ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SHALL BE THOSE PROVIDED BY §§ 11(9) AND 11(11)(B) OF THIS ARTICLE. THE OPTIONAL ALLOWANCE PROVIDED BY § 11(11)(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER RETIRING ON A DISABILITY OR SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND FUNDING OF THE BENEFITS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: