

municipal corporation as provided by § 135 of this subtitle. If the beneficiary is appointed or elected to any office, the salary or compensation of which is paid by the State or by a participating municipal corporation, his retirement allowance shall cease.

140.

In this subtitle the following words have the meaning indicated.

(1) "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland as defined in § 82 of this [subtitle] ARTICLE.

144.

(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, or by transferring, upon written request to the board of trustees, [and] ANY prior contributions to a voluntary retirement benefit, less any costs of administering that benefit. Any member electing to contribute toward this service who retires before completing the payments required to purchase this service shall receive pro rata credit for service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but the member may elect at the time of retirement to make an additional lump-sum payment for the amount necessary to receive full credit. In the event a member dies in active service while paying for credit, and if the credit qualifies for benefits under this subtitle, the surviving spouse may pay for the appropriate final adjustment. Otherwise, the appropriate final adjustment shall be made in the year in which a member retires, and shall be for previous service time:

- (a) With an out-of-state public school;
- (b) With the federal government;
- (c) With a nonpublic school;
- (d) With any municipal corporation;
- (e) As a postsecondary teacher.

149.

(1) The State shall indemnify every person who is made, or is threatened to be made, a party to any action, suit, or proceeding including administrative and investigative proceedings because of his service in a