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(1) Except as hereinafter provided, all service with a public school rendered by a teacher on or after January 1, 1980, and before his retirement shall be eligibility service for the purposes of this pension system. With respect to any [calendar] FISCAL year in which a teacher completes at least 700 hours of service, there shall be included in his eligibility service a full year of eligibility service. Eligibility service may not be recognized for any fiscal year in which the teacher completes less than 700 hours of service. Any [calendar] FISCAL year after the year in which a teacher first becomes employed during which he does not complete more than 350 hours of service shall be considered a break in service. Any service rendered before a break in service that occurs before the year in which a teacher retires, dies, or otherwise terminates his employment or becomes 62 years old may not be recognized as eligibility service, until the teacher completes 1 year of eligibility service following the break in service. However, if a teacher who has not completed the eligibility requirements for a vested retirement allowance incurs a break in service in which the number of consecutive 1-year breaks in service equals or exceeds the aggregate number of years of eligibility service rendered before the break in service, except for any years of eligibility service disregarded because of any prior break in service, the service rendered before the break in service may not be included in his eligibility service. If a teacher terminates his employment and is reemployed after incurring a break in service, his service before the break in service may not be included in his eligibility service, except as provided in this section.

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(2) In the case of a part-time teacher, creditable service with respect to any [calendar] FISCAL year of eligibility service shall be determined under rules established by the board of trustees, that apply to all teachers similarly situated, but creditable service recognized for that year may not be less than the fraction of a year, the numerator of which is the number of hours of service as a teacher that he has completed during that year and the denominator of which is the normal number of hours of service completed in a year by a full-time teacher.

(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