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(8)--CREDITABLE-SERVICE-IS-PROVIDED-TO-ALL-MEMBERS--FOR ANY--LEAVE--OF--ABSENCE,--OF-NOT-MORE-THAN-2-YEARS--DURATION, FOR-FURTHER-STUDY,--ILLNESS,--MATERNITY,--AND-ANY--OTHER--LEAVE WHICH--IS--APPROVED--BY-THE-BOARD-OF-TRUSTEES,--ANY-LEAVE-OF ABSENCE-SHALL-BE-APPROVED-BY-THE-EMPLOYING-BOARD--OR--AGENCY AND--THE--MEMBER-SHALL-AGREE-TO-PAY-TO-THE-RETIREMENT-SYSTEM HIS-CONTRIBUTION-FOR-THE-PERIOD-OF-ABSENCE--WITHIN--2--YEARS FOLLOWING--THE--EFFECTIVE--DATE-OF-THIS-ACT,--OR-WITHIN-THE-2 YEAR-PERIOD-FOLLOWING-HIS--RETURN--TO--EMPLOYMENT--WITH--THE BOARD-OR-AGENCY,--WHICHEVER-IS-LATER.

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(11)--CREDITABLE-SERVICE-IS-PROVIDED-TO-ALL-MEMBERS-FOR ANY--LEAVE--OF--ABSENCE,--OF-NOT-MORE-THAN-2-YEARS--DURATION, FOR-FURTHER-STUDY,--ILLNESS,--MATERNITY,--AND-ANY--OTHER--LEAVE WHICH--IS--APPROVED--BY-THE-BOARD-OF-TRUSTEES,--ANY-LEAVE-OF ABSENCE-SHALL-BE-APPROVED-BY-THE-EMPLOYING-BOARD--OR--AGENCY AND--THE--MEMBER-SHALL-AGREE-TO-PAY-TO-THE-RETIREMENT-SYSTEM HIS-CONTRIBUTION-FOR-THE-PERIOD-OF--ABSENCE--BY--JANUARY--1, 1983,--OR--WITHIN--THE-2-YEAR-PERIOD-FOLLOWING-HIS-RETURN-TO EMPLOYMENT-WITH-THE-BOARD-OR--AGENCY,--WHICHEVER--IS--LATER. THIS--SUBSECTION-SHALL-APPLY-TO-LEAVES-OF-ABSENCE-GRANTED-TO BALTIMORE-CITY-TEACHERS-PRIOR-TO-JULY-1, 1971.

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(5)--A-period-during-which-an-employee-is-on-a-leave-of absence-approved-by-the-board-of-trustees,--under-rules--that apply-to-all-employees-similarly-situated,--shall-be-included in--eligibility--service,--if--the--period--of--leave-is-not included--otherwise--under--this--section,--ANY--LEAVE--OF ABSENCE,--OF--NOT--MORE--THAN-2-YEARS--DURATION,--FOR-FURTHER STUDY,--ILLNESS,--OR-MATERNITY,--AND-ANY-OTHER--LEAVE--APPROVED BY--THE-BOARD-OF-TRUSTEES-SHALL-BE-APPROVED-BY-THE-EMPLOYING AGENCY-AND-SHALL-BE-INCLUDED-AS-ELIGIBILITY-SERVICE.

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(6)--{The}-IF,--BY-JULY-1, 1983,--OR-WITHIN--THE--2--YEAR PERIOD--FOLLOWING-HIS-RETURN-TO-EMPLOYMENT-WITH-THE-BOARD-OR AGENCY,--WHICHEVER-IS-LATER,--THE-MEMBER-PAYS-TO--THE--PENSION SYSTEM--HIS-REQUIRED-CONTRIBUTION-FOR-THE-PERIOD-OF-ABSENCE, THE-board--of--trustees,--under--rules--that--apply--to--all employees--similarly--situated,--may-grant-creditable-service for-any-period-during-which-an-employee-is--on--an--approved leave-of-absence-that-is-included-in-his-eligibility-service under-§-114(5)-of-this-subtitle.

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(5)--A--period--during-which-a-teacher-is-on-a-leave-of absence-approved-by-the-board-of-trustees,--under-rules--that