

(7) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

83.

The membership of this retirement system shall be composed as follows:

(9) (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBSECTION, [Any] ANY person who is a member of the retirement system, established by this subtitle, on December 31, 1979 and does not at any time elect to be a member of the Pension System for Teachers of the State of Maryland, shall, as a condition of that person's employment contract, be entitled to remain a member of the retirement system without change in the benefits provided in the retirement system as of December 31, 1979. Any person receiving benefits under the provisions of this subtitle on December 31, 1979 shall continue to receive the benefits as provided in the retirement system as of December 31, 1979. These benefits shall include but not be limited to:

[(a)] (I) The eligibility for service retirement upon completion of thirty years service or attainment of age 60;

[(b)] (II) The eligibility for a reduced service retirement upon completion of a certain length of service;

[(c)] (III) The service retirement allowance of one fifty-fifth of average final compensation;

[(d)] (IV) The retirement allowances provided for ordinary or accidental disability;

[(e)] (V) The selection of options for service or disability allowances;

[(f)] (VI) The adjustment of the retirement allowance for increases in the Consumer Price Index;

[(g)] (VII) The death benefit;

[(h)] (VIII) The level of contributions from members; and

[(i)] (IX) The length of service for members to vest benefits in the system.

(B) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO EITHER OF §§ 86B, 86C, OR 86D OF THIS ARTICLE WHO RECEIVES CREDITABLE SERVICE FROM JULY 1, 1984 IS SUBJECT ONLY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPLICABLE SECTION FOR THE PROPORTION OF EARNABLE COMPENSATION