

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

48B.

(a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

(1) "Beneficiary" means an employee, judge, teacher, or correctional officer receiving a retirement allowance under the provisions of Article 73B or Article 88B, EXCLUDING FACULTY AND STAFF OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TEACHERS AND STAFF EMPLOYED BY LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

(2) "Creditable Service" means:

(i) Service credited toward a retirement allowance under Article 73B or Article 88B; or

(ii) For a judge, service as a judge.

(3) "Designated beneficiary" means a spouse or dependent child.

(4) "State service" means service with the State as an employee, judge, teacher, or correctional officer as defined in Article 73B, §§ 1(3), 55(f), 81(3), 111(4), 140(4), and 156(a), and Article 88B, § 49(3).

(5) "Normal retirement age" means the age at which a vested retirement allowance shall commence.

(b) A beneficiary[, as defined in Articles 73B and 88B,] and their designated beneficiaries, other than designated beneficiaries in receipt of an option 1 or option 4 benefit, may participate, as provided by this section, in the State Employees Health Insurance Program provided that the beneficiary:

(1) (i) Retired directly from State service with a State retirement allowance from July 1, 1984; and

(ii) Had at least 5 years of creditable service;

(2) Terminated State service with 16 years or more of creditable service;

(3) Terminated State service prior to July 1, 1984;

or