- (c) While receiving an allowance under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the [Pension System for Employees] EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM of the State of Maryland, a former employee or a former employee's surviving spouse or dependent child:
- (1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program; and
- (2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 8–108 of this subtitle, with the employee's service with the Maryland Environmental Service being included as part of the employee's State service.

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(b) A contractual employee who transfers to a budgeted position under this subtitle shall become a member of the [State pension system] EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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- (c) (1) This subsection applies to a member of the State Police Retirement System.
- (2) The Superintendent of the Maryland State Police may complete an application and submit it to the Board of Trustees for a member if:
- (i) the member is unable or refuses to submit an application for disability retirement;
- (ii) the Superintendent believes the member to be permanently by physically or mentally incapable of performing assigned duties;
- (iii) there is sufficient medical evidence in the form of a professional opinion of an independent medical practitioner who has recognized expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of the specified illness of the officer to support the Superintendent's determination of permanent disability;
- (iv) the ONSET OF THE disability [has existed for] OCGURRED at least 1 year EARLIER; and
- (v) any administrative leave granted under Article 88B, § 23A of the Code has expired.
- (3) This subsection does not prevent an officer from exercising rights granted under § 21–111(b) of this article.

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[(e) On or after October 1, 1993:

(1) a participating employee is ineligible for the tax deferred annuity plan established by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans under Title 35, Subtitle 4 of this article; and