

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "any current or future benefit" is substituted for the former list "a pension, ... the return of contributions ... any optional benefit ... or any other right ..." for brevity.

Similarly, in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the phrase "benefit under this Division II" is substituted for the former list of possible benefits for brevity.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a "court of competent jurisdiction" is substituted for the former definition of "court" for brevity and to avoid inadvertently excluding any competent court.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former words "only if and to the extent that" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "expressly".

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former word "documentation" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad word "information".

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a "person" is substituted for the former reference to a "beneficiary" to avoid inadvertently suggesting liability for wrongful payment to a "retiree".

Defined terms: "Board of Trustees" § 20-101

"Person" § 20-101

#### 21-503. RETIREMENT COUNSELING.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL OFFER COUNSELING ABOUT RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

(1) TO THE MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS, AND RETIREES OF EACH STATE SYSTEM; AND

(2) IF A MEMBER, FORMER MEMBER, OR RETIREE CONSENTS, TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 73B, § 1-505.

The reference to the "Board of Trustees" is added to clarify who has responsibility for providing the required counseling.

The former reference to "preretirement" counseling is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to counseling about "retirement benefits". The reference to "former member" is added for clarity since, for the purpose of providing counseling services, no distinction is made between members or former members.

The phrase "immediate family member" is substituted for "spouse or members of the immediate family" for brevity since the spouse would be considered part of the immediate family.