

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(4) Copies of all requests for approval, all written approvals and disapprovals and all requests for actual reimbursement shall be maintained in a central file in the Legislative Accounting Office of the Department of Fiscal Services and kept available for public inspection upon request for a period of at least five (5) years.

Item 2E

(1) Legislators may participate in benefit programs available to State employees, including health programs, insurance programs, tax sheltered accounts, deferred compensation programs, credit union services, deductions for charitable purposes, workers' compensation coverage, and payroll deductions relating to these programs. Participation in these programs shall be in the same manner as the participation of State employees. Additional benefits programs authorized for State employees during a legislative term of office may not be made available to legislators until the beginning of the next term, at which time they shall be fully available unless prohibited elsewhere in this Resolution. Legislators may not receive State employee death benefits, paid leave, or payroll deductions other than those associated with the items authorized by this Resolution. Legislators may not participate in the State's unemployment insurance program, including those former legislators who have been unseated by the elective process.

(2) A legislator who leaves the General Assembly may continue to participate in the state health program until the former legislator declines to participate in the program, becomes eligible for health insurance coverage through another employer, or retires. Former legislators electing to participate in the state health insurance program must pay the full cost of the insurance which includes the individual's contribution and the state subsidy and an administrative charge not exceeding 2%.

Item 3A

1. Definitions.

(a) In general. In Item 3A of this Resolution, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) Accumulated contributions.

(1) "Accumulated contributions" means the amounts credited to a member's individual account in the annuity savings fund of the Employees' Retirement System for the Legislative Pension Plan.

(2) "Accumulated contributions" include member contributions plus regular interest.

(c) Allowance. "Allowance" means a benefit that is payable in equal monthly installments for the life of the recipient, except as otherwise provided for an optional form of a benefit under § 12 of this Item 3A.

(d) Beneficiary. "Beneficiary" means an individual other than a retiree in receipt of a benefit under this Item 3A.