- (b) (1) If a member completes at least 500 hours of employment while a member in any fiscal year, the member is entitled to 1 year of eligibility service.
- (2) Except in the first and last fiscal years or except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a member may not receive any eligibility service for a fiscal year in which the member completes less than 500 hours of employment while a member.
- (3) In the first and last fiscal years, if a member completes less than 500 hours of employment while a member, the Board of Trustees shall prorate the eligibility service based on the number of hours worked.
 - (c) [(1) This subsection does not apply to:
- (i) an employee of a participating governmental unit or a former participating governmental unit that has withdrawn; or
- (ii) a member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement System after April 1, 1998.
- (2) If a member who IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART II OF THIS TITLE completes less than 500 hours of employment while a member, the Board of Trustees shall prorate the eligibility service based on the number of hours worked.

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- (a) In this section, "break in service" means a period of separation from employment in a fiscal year after the one in which a member first becomes employed, if during that fiscal year the member does not complete more than 350 hours of employment while a member.
- (b) (1) This section applies to a member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who was a member of one of those State systems.
 - (2) This section does not apply to:
- (i) a retiree of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System; or
- (ii) a member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System who is [not an employee of a participating governmental unit or a former participating governmental unit that has withdrawn or who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement System on or before April 1, 1998] SUBJECT TO THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART II OF THIS TITLE.
- (c) A member is entitled to the eligibility service to which the member was entitled before the separation from employment if:
 - (1) the member has not incurred a break in service;