

[(o)] (Q) "State or local retirement or pension system" means any retirement or pension system operated under the laws of the State or any political subdivision of the State.

[(p)] (R) "State system" means a retirement or pension system that is included in the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems under § 21-102 of this article.

37-203.

(a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TRANSFER OF SERVICE CREDIT TO OR FROM THE STATE CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR THE STATE CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

(B) (1) An individual may not transfer service credit under this title unless the individual makes a claim for the service credit within 1 year after becoming a member of the new system.

(2) An individual may not transfer service credit from one contributory system to another contributory system unless within 1 year after becoming a member of the new system the individual deposits in the annuity savings fund or other corresponding fund of the new system the total accumulated contributions to the individual's credit in the annuity savings fund or other corresponding fund of the previous system.

[(b)] (C) Except as provided in § 37-204 of this subtitle, an individual who transfers service credit under this title shall receive service credit in the new system in the amount of service credit accumulated under the previous system.

[(c)] (D) On verification of the service credit, the previous system may not provide any benefit for service credit transferred from the previous system to a new system under this title.

[(d)] (E)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if an individual transfers service credit under this title, the previous system shall refund the individual's accumulated contributions on request.

(2) Accumulated contributions applicable to the receipt of service credit or benefits in the new system may not be refunded if:

(i) an individual transfers from one noncontributory system to another noncontributory system; or

(ii) a former member transfers under § 37-202(b) of this subtitle.

[(e)] (F) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after an individual transfers service credit to a new system under this title, the individual:

(i) shall pay the rate of contribution applicable to a member of the new system; and

(ii) is eligible for a pension and annuity as provided under the new system, determined by taking into account the transferred service credit.