

401 of the Internal Revenue Act. If a favorable determination letter is received, Section 3 of this Act shall take effect the first day of the month after the State Retirement Agency receives the letter. If the State Retirement Agency does not receive a favorable determination letter, Section 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void and of no further force and effect. The State Retirement Agency, within 5 days after receiving the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, shall forward a copy of the ruling to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

*SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect all transfers to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System on or after July 1, 1996.*

SECTION 6: 8. AND BE FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 5 6 above, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 396

### (House Bill 421)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems - Contributory Pension Benefit**

FOR the purpose of providing that on the return of accumulated contributions of certain former members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who are entitled to certain contributory pension benefits, the former members are not entitled to further benefits on account of membership in the systems, except under certain circumstances; providing for membership in the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System to continue for a certain period of time after separation from employment under certain circumstances; providing for certain members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System to receive eligibility service credit for certain prior service under certain circumstances; requiring certain members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System to redeposit certain withdrawn member contributions plus interest or receive a certain reduction in the member's retirement allowance; providing for the purchase of service credit in the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System under certain circumstances; providing for technical changes to provisions of law relating to disability retirement and cost-of-living adjustments; and generally relating to the contributory pension benefit under the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
 Section 23-214, 29-104, 29-303, and 29-425