

employees of a participating governmental unit who are employed by the participating governmental unit on the effective date of participation in the State systems.

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY ON THE DAY BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY BEGINS PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM.

(c) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for an employee of Dorchester County who is not a member of the County's general pension and retirement program.

31-111.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section AND § 31-111.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, if an employee of a participating governmental unit joins the Employees' Pension System within 1 year after the effective date, the employee is entitled to service credit for employment with the participating governmental unit before the effective date.

(b) If an employee of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council elects to become a member of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System, the employee may not receive credit for service from July 1, 1992, to the effective date unless the employee pays to the Board of Trustees the amount of the member contributions the employee would have made during that period, plus regular interest.

31-111.1.

(A) A SUPPORTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE SERVICE CREDIT FOR SERVICE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CREDIT, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

(B) IF A SUPPORTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEE OR FORMER SUPPORTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENT COUNTY BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM AT ANY TIME AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, THE EMPLOYEE MAY NOT RECEIVE SERVICE CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR KENT COUNTY BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

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