

(ii) a staff employee of the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College who becomes an employee on or after January 1, 1998; AND

(15) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWN OF OAKLAND ON OR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE TOWN OF OAKLAND BEGINS PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM.

23-204.

(a) Membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for an individual who receives an annual salary and who is:

- (1) an elected or appointed official;
- (2) an employee of the Governor's office;
- (3) an employee of the Senate or House of Delegates; or

(4) a member of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners.

(b) (1) [Membership] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MEMBERSHIP in the Employees' Pension System is optional for the 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 EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF OAKLAND WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN OF OAKLAND ON THE DAY BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE TOWN OF OAKLAND 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.