

(2) On or before May 15 of each year, the Board of Trustees of the Anne Arundel County Retirement and Pension System shall certify to the Department of Human Resources the employer and employee contribution rates for pension benefits determined for the Anne Arundel County Retirement and Pension System for the next fiscal year.

(3) If the employer contribution rate certified under paragraph (2) of this subsection is greater than the employer contribution rate paid by the State for State employees under the State Personnel Management System, the Department of Human Resources may limit the employer contribution rate to the employer contribution rate paid by the State for State employees under the State Personnel Management System.

(4) An employee transferred under this section is not subject to § 22-406(b)(2) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(e) (1) A retiree covered under this section who elected to remain in the Anne Arundel County Retirement and Pension System may [receive retirement health benefits equal to those received by retirees under the Anne Arundel County Retirement and Pension System if the State each month reimburses the county an amount equal to the employer's contribution for those health benefits]:

(I) ENROLL IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTION PROVIDED UNDER THAT SYSTEM; AND

(II) ONCE ENROLLED, RECEIVE THE RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE CREDITABLE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN § 2-508 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.

(2) ON OR BEFORE MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES THE CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR HEALTH BENEFITS DETERMINED FOR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL PAY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR THOSE HEALTH BENEFITS.

(4) IF THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE CERTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GREATER THAN THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE PAID BY THE STATE FOR STATE RETIREES UNDER THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES MAY LIMIT THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE PAID BY THE STATE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; AND

(II) THE RETIREE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF ANY MONTHLY PREMIUM COST TO THE COUNTY NOT REIMBURSED BY THE STATE.