

(1) on an installment basis by contributing at least 2% of earnable compensation per year; or

(2) by transferring, on written request to the Board of Trustees, any prior contributions to a voluntary retirement benefit, less any costs of administering that benefit.

(d) [A member who transfers contributions under subsection (c)(2) of this section may not transfer contributions qualifying under § 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) A member who elects to make payments under subsection (c) of this section and who retires before completing the payments required to purchase this service credit:

(1) is entitled to receive the service credit purchased before the date of retirement; or

(2) may pay at the time of retirement the amount necessary to receive full credit.

[(f)] (E) The surviving spouse of a member who elects to make payments under subsection (c) of this section may pay for the appropriate final adjustment if:

(1) the member dies while actively employed as a member; and

(2) the deceased member's service qualifies for a death benefit under § 29-206 of this article.

[(g)] (F) A member may only purchase service credit under this section for employment:

(1) with an out-of-state public school;

(2) with the federal government;

(3) with a nonpublic school;

(4) with a political subdivision;

(5) as a postsecondary teacher;

(6) with the State;

(7) with a public school as a teacher; or

(8) as a Baltimore City teacher on or before December 31, 1970, on verified leave of absence of not more than 2 years that is similar in all respects to leaves of absence approved by the Board of Trustees.

[(h)] (G) The total amount of service credit in the Teachers' Retirement System or Teachers' Pension System that a member may purchase under this section and § 23-308.2 of this subtitle may not exceed 10 years.