

(ii) was refused immediate reemployment for causes beyond the member's control; and

(4) applies for service credit with the State or local retirement or pension system in which the member held membership before the member's military service began.

(b) If a member of a State or local retirement or pension system who is absent from employment for military service withdraws any of the member's accumulated contributions and redeposits the sum withdrawn with regular interest into the State or local retirement or pension system, the member, if otherwise qualified, is entitled to the benefits of this section as if the withdrawal had not been made.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a member of a State or local retirement or pension system who is actively reemployed under subsection (a)(2) of this section retains the status and rights as a member during a period of absence from employment for military service.

(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection, a member of a State or local retirement or pension system shall receive service credit for a period of absence from employment while in military service if:

(i) the employment of the member under subsection (a)(2) of this section is active or the employee is reinstated as a regular employee on a leave of absence; and

(ii) membership in a State or local retirement or pension system is a requirement of employment.

(2) (i) For an absence for military service on or after January 1, 1946, service credit for the military service may not exceed 5 years.

(ii) 1. This subparagraph applies only to a member of a State system.

2. Subject to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and in addition to any service credit received under paragraph (1) of this subsection, a member of the Maryland National Guard who has been activated under Title 10 of the United States Code, shall receive service credit at the rate of 4 months for each full year for military service, not to exceed a total of 36 months.

(e) A member of a State or local retirement or pension system who receives service credit for military service under this section may transfer the credit to another State or local retirement or pension system.