

relieved from active duty, he shall receive credit as membership service for the period of his absence, except that no credit shall be given when any absence after December 31, 1945 exceeds five years, and thereafter he shall be able to transfer the credit to another retirement system under the laws of this State or the City of Baltimore or any other political subdivision of this State, including the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.

(d) During the period of an absence of any person under subsection (c) of this section who was employed by the State or any agency thereof, or by the City of Baltimore or any other political subdivision of this State, including teachers, at the time he entered active service, the State or other aforementioned employing agency shall make its contributions on behalf of the employee as it would have made had he not been absent and had retained his status as an employee during the period of his absence and shall also make on behalf of the employee the contributions which the employee would have made had he not been absent and had retained his status as an employee during the period of his absence. Such person, however, shall have no right to withdraw any part of any such contribution made by the State or any aforementioned employing agency.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, Article 73B, or Article 88B of the Code, credit for military service shall be granted to any member of a State retirement fund or system under the laws of the State of Maryland, including the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, who has not met the conditions set forth in subsection (b)(ii) through (iv) of this section, upon the attainment by any member of ten years of creditable service.

(f) However, a member shall not be awarded credit if he has received credit for a period of military service under another retirement system, for which retirement benefits have been or will be received by him; however, this exclusion does not apply to any such credit provided through Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (Social Security), the National Railroad Retirement Act, or to any disability payments from any pension or retirement system or to members eligible for benefits under Title 3 or Title 10, Chapter 67, §§ 1331 through 1337 of the U.S. Code. In addition, the military service credit herein provided shall not exceed five years.

(g) The State or another employing agency shall make all necessary contributions to the pension and annuity funds for the funding of military service credit upon the attainment of ten years of creditable service by any member so entitled to the credit. The boards, trustees, or others charged with the administration of any pension or retirement fund or system are hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section, any present rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding.

(h) The provisions of this section also shall pertain to those employees who retired prior to July 1, 1975.

(I) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "MILITARY SERVICE" INCLUDES ACTIVE SERVICE BETWEEN APRIL 6, 1917 AND NOVEMBER 11, 1918, DECEMBER 7, 1941 AND DECEMBER 31, 1946, JUNE 25, 1950 AND JANUARY 31, 1955, OR DECEMBER 22, 1961 AND MAY 7, 1975 WITH THE