EARNABLE COMPENSATION WAS HIGHEST OR, IF THE EMPLOYEE HAD LESS THAN THREE YEARS OF SERVICE, THEN THE EMPLOYEE'S AVERAGE EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL SERVICE.

(2) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A PROMOTION, "AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SALARY INCREASE IN THE LAST THREE YEARS OF SERVICE THAT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SALARY INCREASE UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 1(15).

The last sentence of paragraph (1) of this subsection is deleted as obsolete.

Paragraph (2) of this subsection is derived without substantive change from the former second paragraph of § 1(15).

The only other changes are stylistic.

- (C) "CREDITABLE SERVICE" MEANS THE SUM OF:
 - (1) MEMBERSHIP SERVICE; AND
- (2) OTHER CREDIT ALLOWABLE AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 1(10).

The phrase "prior service" is deleted as obsolete.

The phrase "the sum of: (1) Membership service; and (2) Other credit allowable" is substituted for "membership service for which credit is allowable" to make the term "creditable service" more inclusive and to reflect more accurately the types of credit used in determining benefit calculations.

The last sentence of former § 1(10) is deleted as obsolete.

The only other changes are stylistic or technical.

(D) "EARNABLE COMPENSATION" MEANS THE NORMAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION THAT IS PAYABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR WORKING THE NORMAL TIME FOR THE EMPLOYEE'S POSITION AND THAT IS EQUAL TO ONE-TWELFTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL SALARY RATE INCLUDING THE MONTHLY PICKUP CONTRIBUTION, IF ANY, PROVIDED FOR IN § 1–302(F) OF THIS ARTICLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 1(14).

The phrase "if any" is added to clarify that there may not be a pickup contribution.

The only other changes are stylistic or technical.

(E) (1) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS ANY REGULAR CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE FOR WHOM