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In subsection (c) of this section, the clause "before the first payment of the vested allowance commences" is substituted for "prior to the person's effective retirement date" to remove an ambiguity relating to the fact that only a member, and not a former member, may retire.

The last sentence of former § 11(16) has been transferred to § 2-419 of this subtitle.

2-419. DEATH BENEFIT FOR FORMER MEMBERS.

UPON RECEIPT OF PROPER PROOF OF THE DEATH OF A FORMER MEMBER WHO HAS ELECTED A VESTED ALLOWANCE AND WHOSE DEATH OCCURS BEFORE PAYMENT OF THE VESTED ALLOWANCE COMMENCES, THE AMOUNT OF THE FORMER MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE PAID TO THE BENEFICIARY THE FORMER MEMBER HAS NOMINATED BY WRITTEN DESIGNATION DULY EXECUTED AND FILED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OR IF THERE IS NO DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY, THEN TO THE FORMER MEMBER'S ESTATE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the last paragraph of former Art. 73B, § 11(16).

The term "former member" is substituted for "person" to more accurately describe the person to whom this provision applies.

The term "vested allowance" is substituted for "vested retirement allowance" to distinguish it from allowances received on retirement.

The phrase "whose death occurs before payment of the vested allowance commences" is subtituted for "dies prior to the effective retirement date" for clarity since a former member does not retire.

The only other change is stylistic.

TITLE 3. TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

COMMITTEE NOTE TO TITLE: In this title, the provisions pertaining to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland have been clarified and reorganized. Where appropriate, changes have been made in order to conform this title to other titles in this article. The Committee Note following each section or subsection specifies the reason for any changes to that section or subsection.

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

3-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.