

(D) A PERIOD DURING WHICH A MEMBER IS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UNDER RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS SIMILARLY SITUATED, SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE, IF THE PERIOD OF LEAVE IS NOT INCLUDED OTHERWISE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) (1) THERE SHALL BE A BREAK IN SERVICE FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE YEAR IN WHICH A MEMBER FIRST BECOMES EMPLOYED DURING WHICH THE MEMBER DOES NOT COMPLETE MORE THAN 350 HOURS OF SERVICE WITH THE STATE.

(2) ANY MEMBER WHO INCURS A BREAK IN SERVICE AND LATER RETURNS TO MEMBERSHIP MAY BE CREDITED WITH THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE TO WHICH THE MEMBER WAS ENTITLED BEFORE THE BREAK IN SERVICE, IF:

(I) 1. THE MEMBER HAS COMPLETED 1 YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE FOLLOWING THE BREAK IN SERVICE; AND

2. THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE 1-YEAR BREAKS IN SERVICE OF THE MEMBER IS LESS THAN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM BEFORE THE BREAK IN SERVICE, DETERMINED AS OF THE TIME OF THE BREAK IN SERVICE AND EXCLUDING ANY ELIGIBILITY SERVICE DISREGARDED BECAUSE OF ANY PRIOR BREAK IN SERVICE; OR

(II) THE MEMBER WAS ENTITLED TO A VESTED ALLOWANCE FROM THIS PENSION SYSTEM AT THE TIME OF THE BREAK IN SERVICE.

(F) (1) IF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS WHO IS NOT RETIRED BECOMES A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM WITHOUT HAVING INCURRED A BREAK IN SERVICE THAT IS COMPUTED AS THOUGH THE MEMBER WERE RESTORED TO SERVICE IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS, THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE TO WHICH THE FORMER MEMBER WAS ENTITLED UNDER THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FORMER MEMBER IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS WHO IS NOT RETIRED BECOMES A MEMBER OF THIS SYSTEM AND HAS INCURRED A BREAK IN SERVICE THAT IS COMPUTED AS THOUGH THE MEMBER WERE RESTORED TO SERVICE IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS, THE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE TO WHICH THE FORMER MEMBER WAS ENTITLED UNDER THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FORMER MEMBER IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM.

(II) A CREDIT OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS ALLOWED ONLY IF: