

(F) "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" MEANS A PERSON CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSIONER AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 157A(a)(3).

(G) (1) "LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM" MEANS A RETIREMENT OR PENSION SYSTEM OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AT THE TIME OF ELECTION BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM.

(2) "LOCAL PENSION SYSTEM" INCLUDES THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND IF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PARTICIPATES UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 157A(a)(4).

The only change is technical.

(H) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" MEANS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 23A, § 9 OF THE CODE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 73B, § 157A(a)(5).

(I) "PENSION SYSTEM" MEANS THE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIRE FIGHTERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection is new language to clarify the use of the term "pension system" throughout this title and to conform this title to other titles of this article.

(J) "SOCIAL SECURITY INTEGRATION LEVEL" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH A MEMBER RETIRES OR OTHERWISE TERMINATES EMPLOYMENT, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EARNINGS FOR WHICH OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS WOULD BE PROVIDED UNDER TITLE II OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT FOR AN EMPLOYEE 65 YEARS OLD IN THAT CALENDAR YEAR, COMPUTED AS THOUGH FOR EACH YEAR BEFORE THAT CALENDAR YEAR ANNUAL EARNINGS ARE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ANNUAL EARNINGS SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER THE FEDERAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS ACT. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EARNINGS SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEXT LOWER MULTIPLE OF \$100.