

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

22-216.

Membership ends if the member:

- (1) is separated from employment for more than:
  - (i) [except as provided in subsection (1)(ii) of this section, 2 years, if a member of the Employees' Retirement System;
  - (ii)] 3 years, if [a State employee and] a member of the Employees' Retirement System; or
  - [(iii)](II) 5 years, if a member of the Teachers' Retirement System;
- (2) withdraws the member's accumulated contributions;
- (3) transfers to the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System;
- (4) becomes a retiree; or
- (5) dies.

29-104.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and subject to subsection (d) of this section, an application for disability retirement must be submitted before the date membership ends.

(b) (1) This subsection applies only to an application for an ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance under the Employees' Pension System, Local Fire and Police System, Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or the Teachers' Pension System.

(2) For the purpose of submitting an application for disability, membership continues for [2] 3 years after paid employment ends.

(c) (1) [This subsection applies only to an application for disability retirement from a former member of:

- (i) the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;
- (ii) the Employees' Pension System;
- (iii) the Employees' Retirement System;
- (iv) the Local Fire and Police System;
- (v) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; and
- (vi) the Teachers' Pension System.