

(b) In Cecil County, the Board may establish and fund a Volunteer Length of Service Award Program for qualified members of volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps.

(c) (1) The Board may adopt bylaws for the Program by resolution.

(2) In the bylaws, the Board may:

(i) define terms;

(ii) establish eligibility requirements for certification procedures based on length of service, number of hours of service, amount of training, number of hours of training, prior service, or any other criteria considered relevant by the Board based on requirements and procedures recommended by the Cecil County Fireman's Association;

(iii) establish appeals procedures for members who contest eligibility requirement determinations by the Board;

(iv) establish a benefits schedule and determine eligibility requirements, including age and length of service requirements;

(v) delegate recordkeeping responsibilities of the Program to the Program administrative committee of the Cecil County Fireman's Association;

(vi) delegate administration of the Program to the Cecil County treasurer, a committee or board, an insurer, a financial institution, or any other agency, group, or organization that the Board determines is competent to administer the Program;

(vii) subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, establish disability, death, and survivor benefits for qualified individuals;

(viii) establish any other requirements, criteria, or benefits considered by the Board to be in the best interest of Cecil County and the best interest of the volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps;

(ix) subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, allocate from the general revenue of Cecil County or from any other source, funds for the Program; and

(x) establish any other provision for the administration of the Program.

(3) A surviving spouse benefit is discontinued when the survivor remarries.