

Chapter 274

**(House Bill 817)**

AN ACT concerning

**Employees' Pension System – Purchase of Credit for Eligibility Service –  
Legislative Employees**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount that a member of the Employees' Pension System must pay to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to purchase credit for eligibility service for a certain period of legislative employment; and generally relating to the purchase of credit for eligibility service for a member of the Employees' Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 23–307(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

23–307.

(d) (1) A member of the Employees' Pension System who is employed by a member of the State Senate or House of Delegates for at least 130 days per year as a legislative employee before becoming a member is considered to have been a permanent part-time legislative employee.

(2) A member described in paragraph (1) of this subsection may purchase credit for eligibility service for that period of legislative employment by paying to the Board of Trustees:

(i) for a period of employment on or before December 31, 1979, the sum of:

1. the amount that the member would have been required to contribute for that period of employment; and
2. **5% REGULAR** interest on the member's contributions, compounded annually; and

(ii) for a period of employment on or after January 1, 1980, the sum of:

1. **ONE-HALF OF** the amount that the member would have been required to contribute for that period of employment;
2. **ONE-HALF OF** the amount that the State would have been required to contribute for the member for that period of employment; and
3. **5% REGULAR** interest on the member's and State's contributions, compounded annually.

[(3) The rate of interest to be paid under this subsection is the average for the 5 years preceding the year of payment of the yearly rate of interest computed as the sum of the investment income and the realized gains and losses divided by the book value of the total investments.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**