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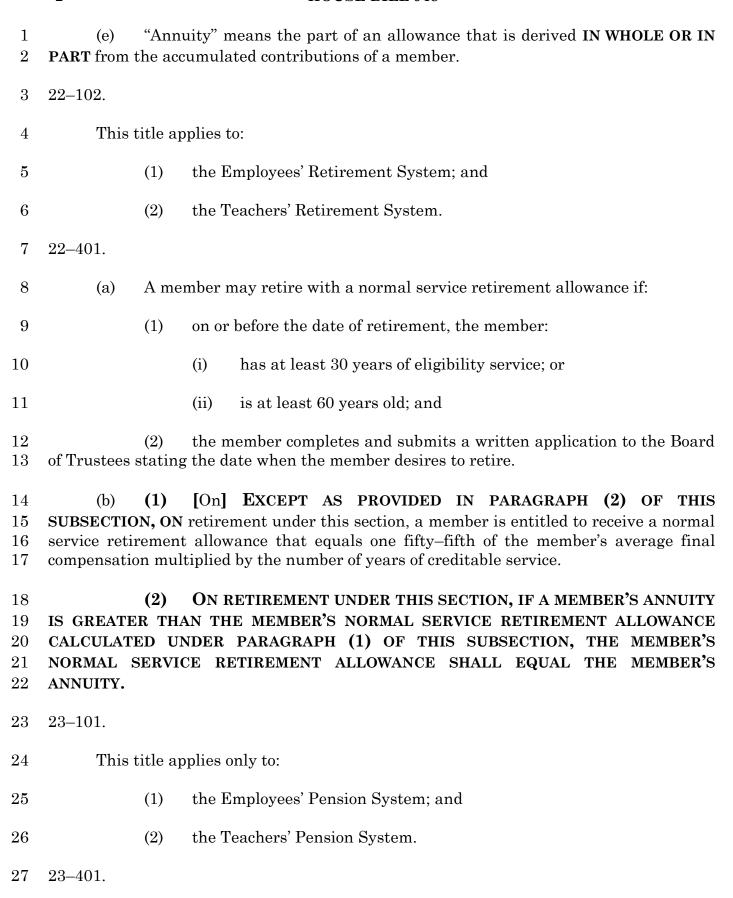
## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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## State Retirement and Pension System - Pension Benefits - Calculation

- FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain retirement and pension systems, a member's normal service retirement allowance shall equal the member's annuity under certain circumstances; providing that, under certain pension systems, a former member's vested allowance shall equal the former member's annuity under certain circumstances; altering a certain definition; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the calculation of benefits in the State Retirement and Pension System.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article State Personnel and Pensions
- 12 Section 20–101(a), 22–102, 23–101, 24–101, 25–101, and 26–101
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article State Personnel and Pensions
- 17 Section 20–101(e), 22–401, 23–401, 24–401, 25–401, 26–401, and 29–303
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article State Personnel and Pensions
- 23 20–101.
- 24 (a) In this Division II the following words have the meanings indicated.



- 1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, a member may retire with 2 a normal service retirement allowance if:
- 3 (1) the member completes and submits a written application to the Board 4 of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire; and
- 5 (2) on or before the date of retirement, the member:
- 6 (i) has at least 30 years of eligibility service;
- 7 (ii) has a combined total of at least 30 years of eligibility service from 8 the Employees' Pension System, the Teachers' Pension System, the Employees' Retirement 9 System, or the Teachers' Retirement System; or
- 10 (iii) has attained the age and the years of eligibility service as follows:

11	Age		Years of Eligibility
12			Service
13	62	with	5
14	63	$\operatorname{with}$	4
15	64	$\operatorname{with}$	3
16	65	or more with	2

- 17 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), (e), [and] (f), AND (G) of this section, 18 on retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal service 19 retirement allowance that equals the number of years of the member's creditable service 20 multiplied by:
- 21 (1) 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess 22 of the Social Security integration level; and
- 23 (2) 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that exceeds the 24 Social Security integration level.
- 25 (c) Except as provided in [subsection (e)] SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (G) of this section, on retirement under this section, a member who is subject to the contributory pension benefit under Subtitle 2, Part II of this title is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals the sum of:
- 29 (1) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or after July 30 1, 1998 multiplied by 1.4% of the member's average final compensation; and
- 31 (2) the greater of:
- 32 (i) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or 33 before June 30, 1998 multiplied by 1.2% of the member's average final compensation; or

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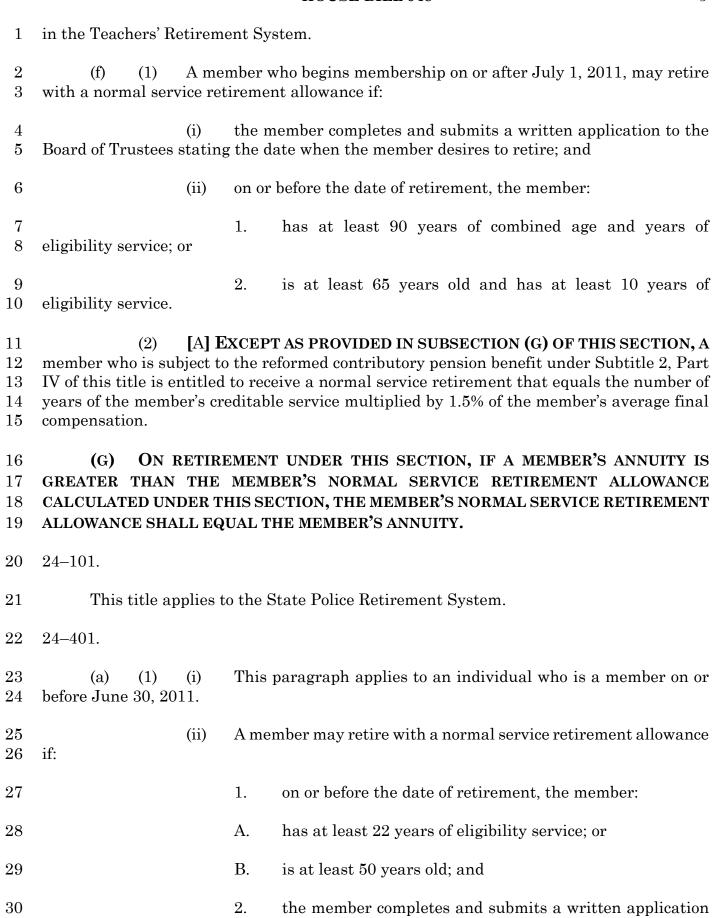
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- 1 the number of years of the member's creditable service on or (ii) 2 before June 30, 1998 multiplied by: 3 1. 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and 4 5 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that 6 exceeds the Social Security integration level. 7 Except as provided in [subsection (e)] SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (G) of this section, a member who is subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection under 8 9 Subtitle 2, Part III of this title is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance 10 that equals the sum of: the greater of: 11 (1) 12 the number of years of the member's creditable service on or 13 before June 30, 1998 multiplied by 1.2% of the member's average final compensation; or 14 (ii) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or before June 30, 1998 multiplied by: 15 16 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and 17 18 2. 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that 19 exceeds the Social Security integration level; and 20 the number of years of the member's creditable service on or after July 1, 1998 multiplied by 1.8% of the member's average final compensation. 2122This subsection applies only to a member who has a combined total of 23 30 years of eligibility service as provided in subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section. 24(2)A member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals: 2526 (i) an allowance based on the creditable service the member earned 27 in the Employees' Pension System; an allowance based on the creditable service the member earned 28 (ii) 29 in the Employees' Retirement System;
- 32 (iv) an allowance based on the creditable service the member earned

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in the Teachers' Pension System; plus

an allowance based on the creditable service the member earned

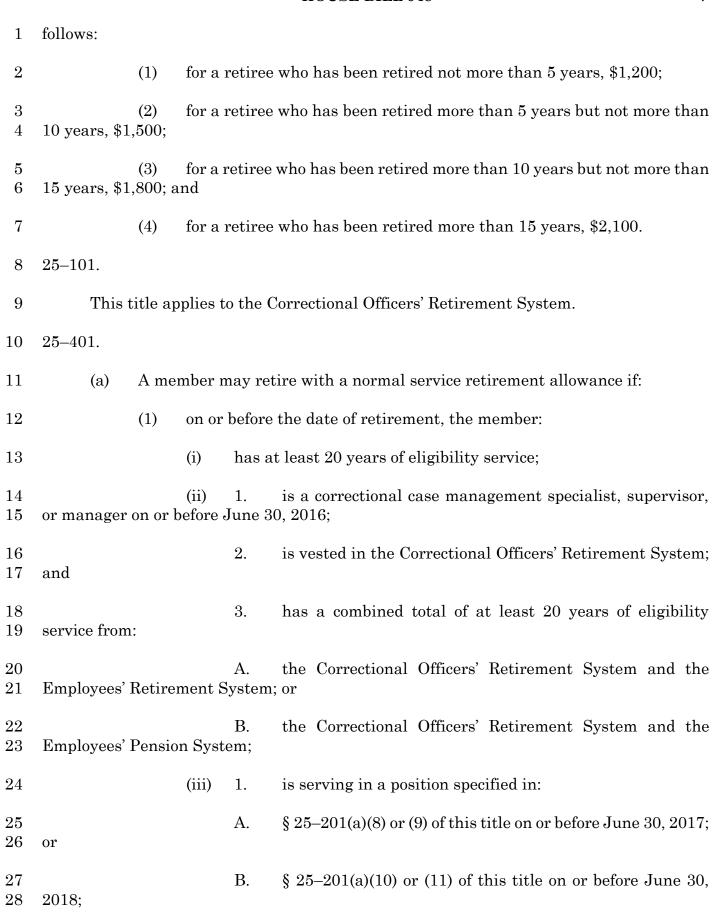


to the Board of Trustees, on the form that the Board of Trustees provides, stating the date

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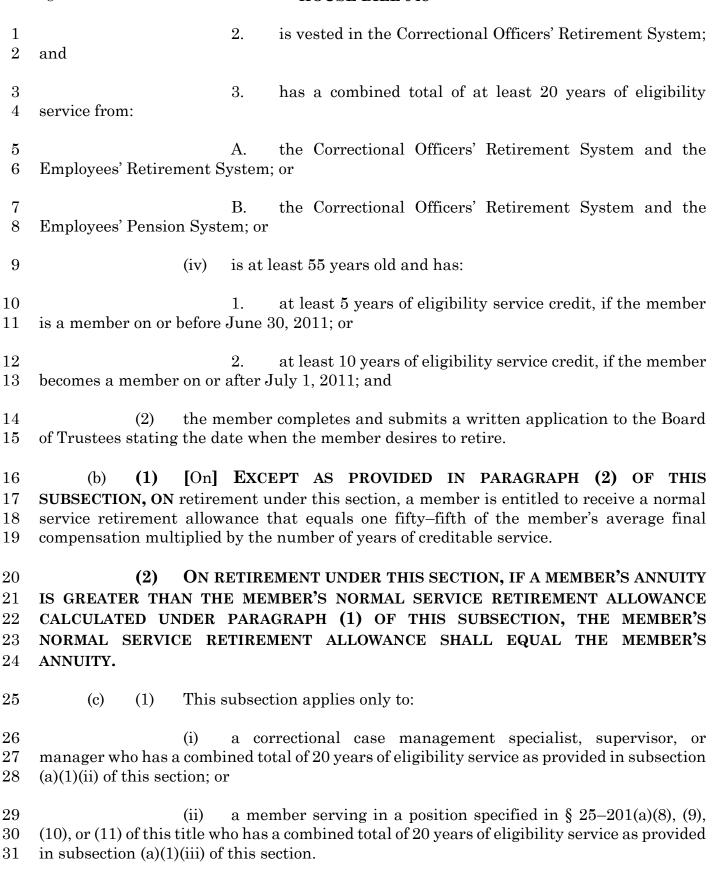
- when the member desires to retire.

  (2) (i) This paragraph applies to an individual who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2011.
- 4 (ii) A member may retire with a normal service retirement allowance 5 if:
- 6 1. on or before the date of retirement, the member:
- A. has at least 25 years of eligibility service; or
- 8 B. is at least 50 years old; and
- 9 2. the member completes and submits a written application 10 to the Board of Trustees, on the form that the Board of Trustees provides, stating the date 11 when the member desires to retire.
- 12 (b) (1) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary of State 13 Police may order a member who is at least 50 years old to retire on the first day of the 14 month after the member is notified of the Secretary's order.
- 15 (2) Before approving the Secretary's order, the Board of Trustees shall give 16 the member at least 30 days' notice and an opportunity to be heard.
- 17 (c) Except for the Secretary of State Police, a member shall retire with a normal service retirement allowance not later than the first day of the month after the member becomes 60 years old.
- 20 (d) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, on retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals 2.55% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by each year of the member's years of creditable service.
- 24 (2) A member's normal service retirement allowance may not exceed 71.4% 25 of the member's average final compensation.
- 26 (3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, IF A MEMBER'S ANNUITY IS GREATER THAN THE MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE SHALL EQUAL THE MEMBER'S ANNUITY.
- 31 (e) Subject to §§ 29–401, 29–402, and 29–403 of this article, a retiree, or a 32 beneficiary of a retiree, who retires on or before June 30, 1999, with a service retirement 33 allowance, shall receive an annual retirement allowance adjustment as of July 1, 1999, as



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A member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance

that equals an allowance based on the creditable service the member has in the

- 1 Correctional Officers' Retirement System. 2 26-101.3 This title applies to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. 4 26–401. 5 Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member may retire with 6 a normal service retirement allowance if: 7 (i) on or before the date of retirement, the member: 8 1. has at least 25 years of eligibility service; or 9 2. is at least 50 years old; and 10 the member completes and submits a written application to the (ii) 11 Board of Trustees on the form that the Board of Trustees provides stating the date when 12the member desires to retire. 13 (2) A member may not retire before the first day of the month after 14 employment ends. 15 (b) Except as provided in [paragraphs (2) and (3)] PARAGRAPHS (2), (3), 16 AND (4) of this subsection, on retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive 17 a normal service retirement allowance that equals the number of years of the member's 18 creditable service multiplied by 2% of the member's average final compensation. 19 (2)A member's normal service retirement allowance under paragraph (1) 20 of this subsection may not exceed 65% of the member's average final compensation. 21 This paragraph applies only to a member who is not subject to 22the Law Enforcement Officers' Modified Pension Benefit under Subtitle 2, Part II of this 23 title. 24(ii) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS 25SUBSECTION, ON retirement under this paragraph, the member is entitled to receive a 26 normal service retirement allowance that equals: 27 1. 2.3% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by each year of the member's first 30 years of creditable service; and 2829 1% of the member's average final compensation multiplied
  - (4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON

by each year of creditable service in excess of 30 years.

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- 1 RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, IF A MEMBER'S ANNUITY IS GREATER THAN THE 2 MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE CALCULATED UNDER
- 3 PARAGRAPH (1) OR (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE
- 4 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE SHALL EQUAL THE MEMBER'S ANNUITY.
- 5 29-303.
- 6 (a) This section applies only to members of:
- 7 (1) the Employees' Pension System;
- 8 (2) the Local Fire and Police System;
- 9 (3) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; or
- 10 (4) the Teachers' Pension System.
- 11 (b) (1) This subsection applies to an individual who is a member on or before 12 June 30, 2011.
- 13 (2) A member is eligible to receive a vested allowance if:
- 14 (i) the member separated from employment other than by death or 15 retirement; and
- 16 (ii) the member has at least 5 years of eligibility service.
- (b-1) (1) This subsection applies to an individual who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2011.
- 19 (2) A member is eligible to receive a vested allowance if:
- 20 (i) the member separated from employment other than by death or 21 retirement; and
- 22 (ii) the member has at least 10 years of eligibility service.
- 23 (c) **(1)** Except as provided in subsections **[**(e), (f), and (g)**] (E)** THROUGH **(I)** of this section, a vested allowance:
- [(1)] (I) is a deferred allowance that begins at normal retirement age;
- [(2)] (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, is computed as a normal service retirement allowance on the basis of the member's average final compensation and eligibility service at separation from employment; and

- 1 **[**(3)**] (III)** may be paid in one of the optional forms of allowances under 2 21–403 of this article.
- 3 (2) ON RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF A FORMER
  4 MEMBER'S ANNUITY IS GREATER THAN THE FORMER MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE
  5 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
  6 SUBSECTION, THE FORMER MEMBER'S NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE
  7 SHALL EQUAL THE FORMER MEMBER'S ANNUITY.
- 8 (d) If a member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension 9 System separated from employment on or before June 30, 1990, unused sick leave reported 10 by the member's employer at the time of separation from employment is creditable service 11 for computing the vested allowance.
- 12 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, a former member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who has separated from employment before the age of 55 with at least 15 years of eligibility service is eligible to receive a vested allowance that:
- 16 (1) begins on the first day of the month following the member's 55th 17 birthday; and
- 18 (2) equals the reduced allowance computed under § 23–402 of this article.
- 19 (f) (1) The vested allowance of a former member of the Employees' Pension 20 System or the Teachers' Pension System who separates from employment on or before June 21 30, 1998:
- 22 (i) is a deferred allowance that begins at normal retirement age; 23 AND
- 24 (ii) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS 25 SUBSECTION, is computed on the basis of the member's average final compensation and 26 eligibility service at separation from employment[;].
- [(iii)] (2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)
  OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE VESTED ALLOWANCE DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
  OF THIS SUBSECTION shall equal the number of years of the member's creditable service
  multiplied by:
- 31 1. 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is 32 not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and
- 2. 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that exceeds the Social Security integration level[; and].

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1 2 3 4	[(iv)] (II) IF THE FORMER MEMBER'S ANNUITY IS GREATER THAN THE FORMER MEMBER'S VESTED ALLOWANCE CALCULATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FORMER MEMBER'S VESTED ALLOWANCE SHALL EQUAL THE FORMER MEMBER'S ANNUITY.
5 6	(III) THE FORMER MEMBER'S VESTED ALLOWANCE may be paid in one of the optional forms of allowances under § 21–403 of this article.
7 8 9 10	[(2)] (3) A former member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who has separated from employment on or before June 30, 1998 and before the age of 55 with at least 15 years of eligibility service is eligible to receive a vested allowance that:
11 12	(i) begins on the first day of the month following the member's 55th birthday; and
13 14 15	(ii) equals the allowance under paragraph [(1)] (2) of this subsection, reduced by 0.5% for each month that the member's early retirement date precedes the date the member will be 62 years old.
16 17 18 19	(g) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2) of this] subsection (H) OF THIS SECTION and subject to [paragraph (3) of this] subsection (I) OF THIS SECTION, the vested allowance of a former member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who separates from employment on or before June 30, 2000:
20 21	(i) is a deferred allowance that begins at normal retirement age; AND
22 23 24	(ii) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, is computed on the basis of the member's average final compensation and eligibility service at separation from employment[; and].
25 26 27 28	[(iii)] (2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE VESTED ALLOWANCE DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall equal the number of years of the member's creditable service multiplied by:
29 30	1. 1% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and

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exceeds the Social Security integration level.

(II) IF THE FORMER MEMBER'S ANNUITY IS GREATER THAN THE

1.7% of the member's average final compensation that

1 2 3	FORMER MEMBER'S VESTED ALLOWANCE CALCULATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FORMER MEMBER'S VESTED ALLOWANCE SHALL EQUAL THE FORMER MEMBER'S ANNUITY.
4 5	[(2) (i)] (H) (1) This [paragraph] SUBSECTION applies only to a former member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who:
6 7	[1.] (I) transferred to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System; and
8 9	[2.] (II) separates from employment on or before June 30, 2000.
10	[(ii)] (2) The vested allowance of a former member:
11 12	[1.] (I) is a deferred allowance that begins at normal retirement age; AND
13 14 15	[2.] (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, is computed on the basis of the member's average final compensation and eligibility service at separation from employment[; and].
16 17 18	[3.] (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE VESTED ALLOWANCE DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall equal:
19 20	[A.] (I) 2% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by each year of the member's first 30 years of creditable service; and
21 22	[B.] (II) 1% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by each year of creditable service in excess of 30 years.
23 24 25 26	(4) If the former member's annuity is greater than the former member's vested allowance calculated under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the former member's vested allowance shall equal the former member's annuity.
27	[(3) (i)] (I) (1) This paragraph applies only to a former member who is:
28 29	[1.] (I) receiving a deferred allowance under [paragraph (1) of this] subsection (G) OF THIS SECTION; and
30	[2.] (II) under the age of 62 years.
31	[(ii)] (2) On receipt of a vested allowance, a former member shall

1	receive a supplemental deferred allowance that equals the difference between:
2	[1.] (I) the former member's vested allowance; and
3 4	[2.] (II) 1.7% of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service.
5 6	[(iii)] (3) Payment of the supplemental deferred allowance ends when the former member:
7	[1.] (I) attains the age of 62 years; or
8	[2.] (II) dies.
9 10 11	[(h)] (J) (1) If a former member who elected a vested allowance requests the return of accumulated contributions before payment of the vested allowance begins, the Board of Trustees shall return the accumulated contributions to the former member.
12 13 14	(2) When accumulated contributions are returned to a former member, the former member is not entitled to further benefits on account of the former member's previous membership.
15 16 17 18	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any individual who on or after October 1, 2013, had a retirement account created or adjusted in one of the following systems of the State Retirement and Pension System:
19	(1) the Employees' Retirement System;
20	(2) the Employees' Pension System;
21	(3) the Teachers' Retirement System; or
22	(4) the Teachers' Pension System.
23 24	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.