

Chapter 696

(House Bill 772)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Noncontributory Former Vested Members – Vested Retirement Allowance

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that permit certain former members of the State Retirement and Pension System to withdraw certain member contributions plus interest and receive a vested retirement allowance based only on certain employer contributions; and generally relating to vested retirement allowances for noncontributory former members of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 29–303(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 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

29–303.

[(h) (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.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, when the former member is eligible to begin receiving a vested allowance, the former member shall receive a pension only.

(ii) When accumulated contributions are returned to a former member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who is subject to the Law Enforcement Officers' Modified Pension Benefit under Title 26, Subtitle 2, Part II of this article, the former member is not entitled to further benefits on account of the former member's previous membership unless the former member purchases the service credit under § 26–307.1 of this article.

(iii) When accumulated contributions are returned to a former member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System who is subject to the contributory pension benefit or the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection, the former member is not entitled to further benefits on account of the former member's previous membership unless the former member purchases the service credit under § 23-306.2 of this article.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.