

HOUSE BILL 1483

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Reformed Contributory Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems –**
3 **Prior Eligibility Service**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a member of the State Reformed Contributory
5 Employees' Pension System or the State Reformed Contributory Teachers'
6 Pension System who meets certain requirements to combine certain prior
7 eligibility service in the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension
8 System with the member's current service; making certain clarifying changes;
9 and generally relating to prior eligibility service for members of the State
10 Reformed Contributory Employees' Pension System and the State Reformed
11 Contributory Teachers' Pension System.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
14 Section 23–303.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

20 23–303.1.

21 (a) This section applies to a member of the Employees' Pension System or
22 Teachers' Pension System who has prior service in a part of the Employees' Pension
23 System or Teachers' Pension System that is subject to a different rate of member
24 contributions and benefit accrual.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) A member who is subject to the contributory pension benefit [or],
2 Alternate Contributory Pension Selection, **OR REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY**
3 **PENSION BENEFIT** is entitled to combine the member's prior eligibility service with
4 the member's current service if the member:

5 (1) at the time of separation from employment, was entitled to a
6 vested allowance from:

7 (i) the Employees' Pension System; or

8 (ii) the Teachers' Pension System;

9 (2) did not transfer to the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers'
10 Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement
11 System after April 1, 1998; and

12 (3) has completed 1 year of employment as a member [who is subject
13 to the contributory pension benefit under Subtitle 2, Part II of this title] **OF THE**
14 **PENSION BENEFIT OR SELECTION IN WHICH THE MEMBER IS EARNING SERVICE**
15 **CREDIT AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AT THE TIME THE PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT IS**
16 **COMBINED WITH THE CURRENT SERVICE CREDIT.**

17 (c) A member who is subject to the noncontributory pension benefit is
18 entitled to combine the member's prior eligibility service with the member's current
19 service if the member did not transfer to the Employees' Pension System or Teachers'
20 Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement
21 System after April 1, 1998.

22 (d) (1) A member may combine the member's prior credit for eligibility
23 service with the member's current service under this section if the member:

24 (i) completes a claim for the service credit and files it with the
25 Board of Trustees on the form that the Board of Trustees provides at any time before
26 retirement; and

27 (ii) deposits into the annuity savings fund the member
28 contributions, if any, that would have been due if the member had earned the prior
29 service in the same part of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension
30 System in which the member is currently enrolled, plus regular interest on the
31 contributions.

32 (2) When a member combines credit for eligibility service under this
33 section, the member has no further rights in the prior system.

1 (3) Subject to § 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual's
2 accumulated contributions in excess of the amount determined under paragraph (1) of
3 this subsection shall be refunded on request.

4 (e) If a member withdrew the member's accumulated contributions after the
5 prior separation from employment, the member shall:

6 (1) redeposit any of the amounts withdrawn with regular interest to
7 the date of redeposit; or

8 (2) on retirement, the individual's retirement allowance shall be
9 reduced by the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions withdrawn with
10 regular interest to the date of retirement.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2014.