

Chapter 270

(House Bill 201)

AN ACT concerning

Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems – Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit – Service Credit Purchase Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit is eligible to purchase service credit for a certain period of employment under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the purchase of service credit for a member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
 Section 23–306.2
 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

23–306.2.

(a) A member who is subject to the contributory pension benefit, [or] the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection, **OR THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT** may purchase service credit as provided in subsection (b) of this section for periods of employment described in subsection (c) of this section for which the member is not otherwise entitled.

(b) (1) A member who purchases service credit under this section shall:

(i) complete a claim for the service credit and file it with the Board of Trustees on a form that the Board of Trustees provides; and

(ii) pay to the Board of Trustees in a single payment the member contributions the member would have made for the period of employment for which service credit is being purchased if the member had earned the prior service in the same part of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System in which the member is currently enrolled, plus regular interest to the date of payment.

(2) A member may pay for service credit purchased under this section at any time before retirement.

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

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member may purchase service credit for a period of employment as a member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System if the member:

(i) has withdrawn the member's accumulated contributions after a prior termination of membership; and

(ii) was subject to the contributory pension benefit, [or] the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection, **OR THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT** when the member previously terminated membership in the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System.

(2) A member may not purchase eligibility service credit that exceeds the member's creditable service credit.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.