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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, further providing for definitions, for creditable
- 3 school service and for member contributions for creditable
- 4 school service.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Sections 8102, 8302 and 8323 of Title 24 of the
- 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 9 § 8102. Definitions.
- 10 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall
- 11 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
- 12 meanings given to them in this section:
- 13 "Accumulated deductions." The total of pickup contributions
- 14 and the contributions paid into the fund by the member on
- 15 account of current school service, previous school service, or
- 16 creditable nonschool service and the statutory interest credited
- 17 on all such contributions.
- 18 "Activated military service." Military service by a member

- 1 of a reserve component of the armed forces, pursuant to an order
- 2 on or after July 1, 1990, to enter into active military service,
- 3 other than an order to enter into active duty to meet periodic
- 4 training requirements, who was an active member of the system
- 5 immediately preceding the order into active military service and
- 6 to whom the military leave provisions of 51 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73
- 7 (relating to military leave of absence) do not apply.
- 8 "Active member." A school employee for whom pickup
- 9 contributions are being made to the fund or for whom such
- 10 contributions otherwise required for current school service are
- 11 not being made solely by reason of any provision of this part
- 12 relating to the limitation under section 401(a)(17) of the
- 13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §
- 14 401(a)(17)).
- 15 "Actuarially equivalent." Equal present values, computed on
- 16 the basis of statutory interest and the mortality tables adopted
- 17 by the board.
- 18 "Actuary." The consultant to the board who shall be:
- 19 (1) a member of the American Academy of Actuaries;
- 20 (2) an individual who has demonstrated to the
- 21 satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania
- 22 that he has the educational background necessary for the
- 23 practice of actuarial science and has had at least seven
- years of actuarial experience; or
- 25 (3) a firm, partnership, or corporation of which at
- least one member meets the requirements of paragraph (1) or
- 27 (2).
- 28 "Alternate payee." Any spouse, former spouse, child or
- 29 dependent of a member who is recognized by a domestic relations
- 30 order as having a right to receive all or a portion of the

- 1 moneys payable to that member under this part.
- 2 "Annuitant." Any member on or after the effective date of
- 3 retirement until his annuity is terminated.
- 4 "Approved domestic relations order." Any domestic relations
- 5 order which has been determined to be approved in accordance
- 6 with section 8533.1 (relating to approval of domestic relations
- 7 orders).
- 8 "Approved leave of absence." A leave of absence for
- 9 activated military service or which has been approved by the
- 10 employer for sabbatical leave, service as an exchange teacher,
- 11 service with a collective bargaining organization or
- 12 professional study.
- "Basic contribution rate." The rate of 6 1/4%.
- 14 "Beneficiary." The person or persons last designated in
- 15 writing to the board by a member to receive his accumulated
- 16 deductions or a lump sum benefit upon the death of such member.
- 17 "Board." The Public School Employees' Retirement Board or
- 18 the Public School Employes' Retirement Board.
- "Class of service multiplier."

20	Class of service	Multiplier
21	T-A	.714
22	T-B	.625
23	T-C	1.000

- 24 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue
- 25 Service.
- 26 "Compensation." Pickup contributions plus any remuneration
- 27 received as a school employee excluding reimbursements for
- 28 expenses incidental to employment and excluding any bonus,

- 1 severance payments, any other remuneration or other emolument
- 2 received by a school employee during his school service which is
- 3 not based on the standard salary schedule under which he is
- 4 rendering service, payments for unused sick leave, vacation
- 5 leave, bonuses or other compensation for attending school
- 6 seminars and conventions, payments under health and welfare
- 7 plans based on hours of employment or any other payment or
- 8 emolument which may be provided for in a collective bargaining
- 9 agreement which may be determined by the Public School
- 10 Employees' Retirement Board to be for the purpose of enhancing
- 11 compensation as a factor in the determination of final average
- 12 salary, provided, however, that the limitation under section
- 13 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-
- 14 514, 26 U.S.C. § 401(a)(17)) taken into account for the purpose
- 15 of member contributions, including regular or joint coverage
- 16 member contributions, regardless of class of service, shall
- 17 apply to each member who first became a member of the Public
- 18 School Employes' Retirement System on or after July 1, 1996, and
- 19 who by reason of such fact is a noneligible member subject to
- 20 the application of the provisions of section 8325.1 (relating to
- 21 annual compensation limit under IRC § 401(a)(17)).
- 22 "Concurrent service." Simultaneously credited school and
- 23 State service.
- "Creditable nonschool service." Service other than service
- 25 as a school employee for which an active member may obtain
- 26 credit.
- 27 <u>"Creditable sick leave." Number of days credited to a school</u>
- 28 employee by his or her employer which may be used during the
- 29 <u>illness or injury of the employee but has not been used by the</u>
- 30 <u>employee prior to his or her effective date of retirement.</u>

- "Credited service." School or creditable nonschool service
- 2 for which the required contributions have been made, or for
- 3 which the contributions otherwise required for such service were
- 4 not made solely by reason that no compensation was received for
- 5 <u>creditable sick leave or</u> solely by reason of any provision of
- 6 this part relating to the limitations under section 401(a)(17)
- 7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26
- 8 U.S.C. § 401(a)(17)), or for which salary deductions or lump sum
- 9 payments have been agreed upon in writing.
- 10 "Date of termination of service." The last date of service
- 11 for which pickup contributions are made for an active member or,
- 12 in the case of an inactive member, the effective date of his
- 13 resignation or the date his employment is formally discontinued
- 14 by his employer or two years following the last day of service
- 15 for which contributions were made, whichever is earliest.
- 16 "Disability annuitant." A member on or after the effective
- 17 date of disability until his disability annuity or the portion
- 18 of his disability annuity payments in excess of any annuity to
- 19 which he may otherwise be entitled is terminated.
- 20 "Distribution." Payment of all or any portion of a person's
- 21 interest in the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund which
- 22 is payable under this part.
- 23 "Domestic relations order." Any judgment, decree or order,
- 24 including approval of a property settlement agreement, entered
- 25 on or after the effective date of this definition by a court of
- 26 competent jurisdiction pursuant to a domestic relations law
- 27 which relates to the marital property rights of the spouse or
- 28 former spouse of a member, including the right to receive all or
- 29 a portion of the moneys payable to that member under this part
- 30 in furtherance of the equitable distribution of marital assets.

- 1 The term includes orders of support as that term is defined by
- 2 23 Pa.C.S. § 4302 (relating to definitions) and orders for the
- 3 enforcement of arrearages as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. § 3703
- 4 (relating to enforcement of arrearages).
- 5 "Effective date of retirement." The first day following the
- 6 date of termination of service of a member if he has properly
- 7 filed an application for an annuity within 90 days of such date
- 8 or:
- 9 (1) In the case of a member who applies for an annuity
- 10 subsequent to 90 days after termination of service, the date
- of filing such application or the date specified on the
- 12 application, whichever is later.
- 13 (2) In the case of a vestee who files an application for
- an annuity within 90 days of his superannuation age, the
- 15 attainment of such age.
- 16 (3) In the case of a vestee who defers the filing of an
- application for an annuity to a date later than 90 days
- 18 following attainment of superannuation age, the date of
- 19 filing or the date specified on the application, whichever is
- 20 later.
- 21 (4) In the case of a finding of disability, the date
- 22 certified by the board as the effective date of disability.
- 23 "Eligible annuitants." All current and prospective
- 24 annuitants with 24 1/2 or more eligibility points and all
- 25 current and prospective disability annuitants. Beginning January
- 26 1, 1995, "eligible annuitants" shall include members with 15 or
- 27 more eligibility points who terminated or who terminate school
- 28 service on or after attaining superannuation retirement age and
- 29 who are annuitants with an effective date of retirement after
- 30 superannuation age.

- 1 "Eligibility points." Points which are accrued by an active
- 2 member or a multiple service member who is an active member of
- 3 the State Employees' Retirement System for credited service and
- 4 are used in the determination of eligibility for benefits as
- 5 provided in section 8306 (relating to eligibility points).
- 6 "Employer." Any governmental entity directly responsible for
- 7 the employment and payment of the school employee and charged
- 8 with the responsibility of providing public education within
- 9 this Commonwealth, including but not limited to: State-owned
- 10 colleges and universities, the Pennsylvania State University,
- 11 community colleges, area vocational-technical schools,
- 12 intermediate units, the State Board of Education, Scotland
- 13 School for Veterans' Children, Thaddeus Stevens State School of
- 14 Technology, and the Pennsylvania State Oral School for the Deaf.
- 15 "Final average salary." The highest average compensation
- 16 received as an active member during any three nonoverlapping
- 17 periods of 12 consecutive months with the compensation for part-
- 18 time service being annualized on the basis of the fractional
- 19 portion of the school year for which credit is received; except,
- 20 if the employee was not a member for three such periods, the
- 21 total compensation received as an active member annualized in
- 22 the case of part-time service divided by the number of such
- 23 periods of membership; in the case of a member with multiple
- 24 service credit, the final average salary shall be determined by
- 25 reference to compensation received by him as a school employee
- 26 or a State employee or both; and, in the case of a noneligible
- 27 member, subject to the application of the provisions of section
- 28 8325.1 (relating to annual compensation limit under IRC §
- 29 401(a)(17)).
- 30 "Full coverage member." Any member for whom regular member

- 1 pickup contributions are being picked up or who has paid or has
- 2 agreed to pay to the fund the actuarial equivalent of regular
- 3 member contributions due on account of service prior to January
- 4 1, 1983.
- 5 "Fund." The Public School Employees' Retirement Fund.
- 6 "Governmental entity." Board of school directors, board of
- 7 public education, intermediate unit board of directors, area
- 8 vocational-technical board, any governing board of any agency or
- 9 authority created by them, and the Commonwealth.
- 10 "Inactive member." A member for whom no pickup contributions
- 11 are being made, except in the case of an active member for whom
- 12 such contributions otherwise required for current school service
- 13 are not being made solely by reason of any provision of this
- 14 part relating to the limitation under section 401(a)(17) of the
- 15 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §
- 16 401(a)(17)), who has accumulated deductions standing to his
- 17 credit in the fund and for whom contributions have been made
- 18 within the last two school years or a multiple service member
- 19 who is active in the State Employees' Retirement System.
- 20 "Intervening military service." Active military service of a
- 21 member who was a school employee immediately preceding his
- 22 induction into the armed services or forces of the United States
- 23 in order to meet a draft obligation excluding any voluntary
- 24 extension of such obligational service and who becomes a school
- 25 employee within 90 days of the expiration of such service.
- 26 "IRC." The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as designated and
- 27 referred to in section 2 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Public
- 28 Law 99-514, 100 Stat. 2085, 2095). A reference in this part to
- 29 "IRC § " shall be deemed to refer to the identically numbered
- 30 section and subsection or other subdivision of such section in

- 1 26 United States Code (relating to Internal Revenue Code).
- 2 "Irrevocable beneficiary." The person or persons permanently
- 3 designated by a member in writing to the board pursuant to an
- 4 approved domestic relations order to receive all or a portion of
- 5 the accumulated deductions or lump sum benefit payable upon the
- 6 death of such member.
- 7 "Irrevocable survivor annuitant." The person permanently
- 8 designated by a member in writing to the board pursuant to an
- 9 approved domestic relations order to receive an annuity upon the
- 10 death of such member.
- 11 "Joint coverage member." Any member who agreed prior to
- 12 January 1, 1966 to make joint coverage member contributions to
- 13 the fund and has not elected to become a full coverage member.
- 14 "Joint coverage member contributions." Regular member
- 15 contributions reduced for a joint coverage member.
- 16 "Leave for service with a collective bargaining
- 17 organization." Paid leave granted to an active member by an
- 18 employer for purposes of working full time for or serving full
- 19 time as an officer of a Statewide employee organization or a
- 20 local collective bargaining representative under the act of July
- 21 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe
- 22 Relations Act: Provided, That greater than one-half of the
- 23 members of the employee organization are active members of the
- 24 system; that the employer shall fully compensate the member,
- 25 including, but not limited to, salary, wages, pension and
- 26 retirement contributions and benefits, other benefits and
- 27 seniority, as if he were in full-time active service; and that
- 28 the employee organization shall fully reimburse the employer for
- 29 such salary, wages, pension and retirement contributions and
- 30 benefits and other benefits and seniority.

- 1 "Maternity leave of absence." An involuntary leave of
- 2 absence required by the employer because of the pregnancy of the
- 3 member and commencing prior to May 17, 1975.
- 4 "Member." Active member, inactive member, annuitant, or
- 5 vestee.
- 6 "Member's annuity." The single life annuity which is
- 7 actuarially equivalent on the effective date of retirement to
- 8 the accumulated deductions standing to the member's credit in
- 9 the members' savings account.
- 10 "Military service." All active military service for which a
- 11 member has received a discharge other than an undesirable, bad
- 12 conduct, or dishonorable discharge.
- 13 "Multiple service." Credited service of a member who has
- 14 elected to combine his credited service in both the Public
- 15 School Employees' Retirement System and the State Employees'
- 16 Retirement System.
- 17 "Noneligible member." For the purposes of section 8325.1
- 18 (relating to annual compensation limit under IRC § 401(a)(17)),
- 19 a member who first became a member on or after July 1, 1996.
- 20 "Participating eligible annuitants." All eligible annuitants
- 21 who are enrolled or elect to enroll in a health insurance
- 22 program approved by the Public School Employees' Retirement
- 23 Board.
- 24 "Pickup contributions." Regular or joint coverage member
- 25 contributions which are made by the employer for active members
- 26 for current service on and after January 1, 1983.
- 27 "Previous school service." Service rendered as a school
- 28 employee including service in any summer school conducted by a
- 29 school district of the Commonwealth prior to the member's most
- 30 recent entrance in the system.

- 1 "Public school." Any or all classes or schools within this
- 2 Commonwealth conducted under the order and superintendence of
- 3 the Department of Education including, but not limited to: all
- 4 educational classes of any employer charged with the
- 5 responsibility of public education within this Commonwealth as
- 6 well as those classes financed wholly or in part by the Federal
- 7 Government, State-owned colleges and universities, the
- 8 Pennsylvania State University, community colleges, area
- 9 vocational-technical schools, intermediate units, the State
- 10 Board of Education, Scotland School for Veterans' Children,
- 11 Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology, and the
- 12 Pennsylvania State Oral School for the Deaf.
- "Public School Code." The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
- 14 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.
- 15 "Regular member contributions." The product of the basic
- 16 contribution rate and the compensation of the member.
- 17 "Reserve component of the armed forces." The United States
- 18 Army Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, United States Marine
- 19 Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United States
- 20 Air Force Reserve, Pennsylvania Army National Guard and
- 21 Pennsylvania Air National Guard.
- 22 "Salaried employee." A school employee who is compensated on
- 23 the basis of an annual salary.
- "Salary deductions." The amounts certified by the board,
- 25 deducted from the compensation of an active member and paid into
- 26 the fund.
- 27 "School employee." Any person engaged in work relating to a
- 28 public school for any governmental entity and for which work he
- 29 is receiving regular remuneration as an officer, administrator
- 30 or employee excluding, however, any independent contractor or a

- 1 person compensated on a fee basis.
- "School entity." A school district of any class,
- 3 intermediate unit or an area vocational-technical school, as
- 4 provided for under the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
- 5 known as the Public School Code of 1949.
- 6 "School service." Service rendered as a school employee.
- 7 "School year." The 12-month period which the governmental
- 8 entity uses for purposes of administration regardless of the
- 9 actual time during which a member renders service.
- 10 "Severance payments." Any payments for unused vacation or
- 11 sick leave and any additional compensation contingent upon
- 12 retirement including payments in excess of the scheduled or
- 13 customary salaries provided for members within the same
- 14 governmental entity with the same educational and experience
- 15 qualifications who are not terminating service.
- 16 "Standard single life annuity." An annuity equal to 2% of
- 17 the final average salary, multiplied by the total number of
- 18 years and fractional part of a year of credited service of a
- 19 member.
- 20 "State Employees' Retirement System." The retirement system
- 21 established by the act of June 27, 1923 (P.L.858, No.331) and
- 22 codified by the act of June 1, 1959 (P.L.392, No.78) and by Part
- 23 XXV of Title 71 (relating to retirement for State employees and
- 24 officers), added March 1, 1974 (P.L.125, No.31).
- 25 "State service." Service rendered as a State employee and
- 26 credited as service in the State Employees' Retirement System.
- 27 "Statutory interest." Interest at 4% per annum, compounded
- 28 annually.
- 29 "Superannuation annuitant." An annuitant whose annuity first
- 30 became payable on or after the attainment of superannuation age

- 1 and who is not a disability annuitant.
- 2 "Superannuation or normal retirement age."

3	Class of service	Age
4	T-A	62 or any age upon accrual
5		of 35 eligibility points
6	Т-В	62
7	T-C	62 or age 60 provided the
8		member has at least 30
9		eligibility points or
10		any age upon accrual of
11		35 eligibility points

- "Survivor annuitant." The person or persons last designated
- 13 by a member under a joint and survivor annuity option to receive
- 14 an annuity upon the death of such member.
- 15 "System." The Public School Employes' Retirement System of
- 16 Pennsylvania as established by the act of July 18, 1917
- 17 (P.L.1043, No.343), and codified by the act of June 1, 1959
- 18 (P.L.350, No.77).
- 19 "Valuation interest." Interest at 5 1/2% per annum,
- 20 compounded annually and applied to all accounts other than the
- 21 members' savings account.
- "Vestee." A member with ten or more eligibility points who
- 23 has terminated school service, has left his accumulated
- 24 deductions in the fund, and is deferring filing of an
- 25 application for receipt of an annuity.
- 26 § 8302. Credited school service.
- 27 (a) Computation of credited service. -- In computing credited
- 28 school service of a member for the determination of benefits, a

- 1 full-time salaried school employee shall receive one year of
- 2 credit for each school year or the corresponding fraction
- 3 thereof, in accordance with the proportion of the full school
- 4 year for which the required regular member contributions have
- 5 been made, or for which such contributions otherwise required
- 6 for such service were not made solely by reason of any provision
- 7 of this part relating to the limitation under IRC § 401(a)(17).
- 8 A per diem or hourly school employee shall receive one year of
- 9 credited service for each nonoverlapping period of 12
- 10 consecutive months in which he is employed and for which
- 11 contributions are made, or would have been made but for such
- 12 limitation under the IRC, for at least 180 full-day sessions or
- 13 1,100 hours of employment. If such member was employed and
- 14 contributions were made for less than 180 full-day sessions or
- 15 1,100 hours, he shall be credited with a fractional portion of a
- 16 year determined by the ratio of the number of full-day sessions
- 17 or hours of service actually rendered to 180 full-day sessions
- 18 or 1,100 hours, as the case may be. A part-time salaried
- 19 employee shall be credited with the fractional portion of the
- 20 year which corresponds to the service actually rendered in
- 21 relation to the service required as a comparable full-time
- 22 salaried employee. In no case shall a member receive more than
- 23 one year of credited service for any 12 consecutive months or a
- 24 member who has elected multiple service receive an aggregate in
- 25 the two systems of more than one year of credited service for
- 26 any 12 consecutive months.
- 27 (b) Approved leaves of absence. -- An active member shall
- 28 receive credit for an approved leave of absence provided that:
- 29 (1) the member returns for a period at least equal to
- 30 the length of the leave or one year, whichever is less, to

- the school district which granted his leave, unless such
- 2 condition is waived by the employer; and
- 3 (2) the proper contributions are made by the member and
- 4 the employer.
- 5 (b.1) Optional credit for leave of absence for activated
- 6 military service.--
- 7 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to
- 8 the contrary, a member who is granted leave of absence for
- 9 activated military service shall be entitled to exercise any
- one of the following options in regard thereto:
- 11 (i) He may continue to make payments into the fund
- as provided for in this part during the period of his
- leave of absence for activated military service.
- 14 (ii) He may discontinue making payments into the
- 15 fund during the period of his leave of absence for
- 16 activated military service. In such event, the employer
- 17 shall continue to make its contributions during this
- 18 period. The employee's retirement rights shall be
- 19 determined by completely disregarding the period of his
- leave of absence for activated military leave for all
- 21 purposes.
- 22 (2) Any member desiring to exercise option (i) in
- 23 paragraph (1) shall file in writing with the board such an
- 24 election within 60 days after the commencement of his leave
- of absence for activated military service or within 60 days
- 26 after the effective date of this subsection, whichever shall
- 27 later occur. Any member who does not exercise option (i) in
- this manner will be deemed to have exercised option (ii).
- 29 (3) Any member who has exercised option (ii) in
- 30 paragraph (1), but who, upon the expiration of his leave of

1 absence for activated military service, returns to his

employment and desires to receive the benefits of option (i),

3 shall have the right to receive such benefits if he shall

4 comply with the following requirements:

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- (i) He shall, within one year after he returns to his employment, give written notice to the board of his desire to receive the benefits of option (i).
- (ii) He shall pay into the fund an amount equal to 8 9 the total payments he would have made had he exercised 10 option (i), plus statutory interest that would have been 11 credited to his members' savings account, had such contributions been credited with statutory interest 12 13 during the period the contributions would have been made 14 and during all periods of subsequent school and State 15 service up to the date of payment. Upon certification of 16 the amount due, payment may be made in a lump sum within 17 90 days or, in the case of an active member, it may be amortized with statutory interest through salary 18 deductions or by personal checks in amounts agreed upon 19 20 by the member and board.
- 21 (b.2) Credited service as retirement incentive.--
- 22 Notwithstanding any provisions of this title to the contrary,
- 23 for the period of May 15, 1992, to August 31, 1993, a member who
- 24 is not an annuitant on May 15, 1992, who terminates school
- 25 service between May 15, 1992, and August 31, 1993, inclusive,
- 26 who will be 55 years of age or older on August 31, 1993, with
- 27 ten or more eligibility points, who files an application for
- 28 retirement before September 1, 1993, and who declares his intent
- 29 to retire prior to April 1, 1993, shall be credited with an
- 30 additional 10% of their credited service.

- 1 (b.3) Optional creditable sick leave. -- Notwithstanding any
- 2 provisions of this title to the contrary, an active member may
- 3 purchase at the time of filing an application for retirement
- 4 creditable sick leave to the extent that the amount credited,
- 5 when combined with all other credited service, will not result
- 6 <u>in a benefit that exceeds the limits imposed by section 415 of</u>
- 7 the IRC.
- 8 (c) Cancellation of credited service. -- All credited service
- 9 shall be cancelled if a member withdraws his accumulated
- 10 deductions.
- 11 § 8323. Member contributions for creditable school service.
- 12 (a) Previous school service, sabbatical leave and full
- 13 coverage. -- The contributions to be paid by an active member or
- 14 an eligible State employee for credit for reinstatement of all
- 15 previously credited school service, school service not
- 16 previously credited, sabbatical leave as if he had been in full-
- 17 time daily attendance, or full-coverage membership shall be
- 18 sufficient to provide an amount equal to the accumulated
- 19 deductions which would have been standing to the credit of the
- 20 member for such service had regular member contributions been
- 21 made with full coverage at the rate of contribution necessary to
- 22 be credited as Class T-C service and had such contributions been
- 23 credited with statutory interest during the period the
- 24 contributions would have been made and during all periods of
- 25 subsequent school and State service up to the date of purchase.
- 26 (b) Class T-C membership. -- The contributions to be paid by a
- 27 member who elects to transfer to Class T-C shall be equal to the
- 28 amount of additional contributions, if any, which he would have
- 29 made had he become a member of Class T-C on July 1, 1967 and had
- 30 such contributions been credited with statutory interest during

- 1 all periods of subsequent school and State service up to the
- 2 date of purchase.
- 3 (c) Approved leave of absence other than sabbatical leave
- 4 and activated military service leave. -- The contributions to be
- 5 paid by an active member for credit for an approved leave of
- 6 absence, other than sabbatical leave and activated military
- 7 service leave, shall be sufficient to transfer his membership to
- 8 Class T-C and further to provide an annuity as a Class T-C
- 9 member for such additional credited service. Such amount shall
- 10 be the sum of the amount required in accordance with the
- 11 provisions of subsection (b) and an amount determined as the sum
- 12 of the member's basic contribution rate and the normal
- 13 contribution rate as provided in section 8328 (relating to
- 14 actuarial cost method) during such period multiplied by the
- 15 compensation which was received or which would have been
- 16 received during such period and with statutory interest during
- 17 all periods of subsequent school and State service up to the
- 18 date of purchase.
- 19 (c.1) Activated military service leave. -- The contributions
- 20 to be paid by an active member for credit for all activated
- 21 military service leave as if he had been in regular attendance
- 22 in the duties for which he is employed shall be sufficient to
- 23 provide an amount equal to the accumulated deductions which
- 24 would have been standing to the credit of the member for such
- 25 service had regular member contributions been made with full
- 26 coverage at the rate of contribution necessary to be credited as
- 27 Class T-C service and had such contributions been credited with
- 28 statutory interest during the period the contributions would
- 29 have been made and during all periods of subsequent State and
- 30 school service up to the date of purchase. In the case of

- 1 activated military service leave beginning after the date of
- 2 enactment of this subsection, contributions due from the member
- 3 shall be made as if he is in regular attendance in the duties
- 4 for which he is employed.
- 5 (c.2) Creditable sick leave. -- Contributions on account of
- 6 Class T-C credit for creditable sick leave shall be the sum of
- 7 the member's basic contribution rate and the normal contribution
- 8 rate provided in section 8328 at the time the creditable sick
- 9 <u>leave is purchased based on the member's per diem salary for the</u>
- 10 year in which it is purchased.
- 11 (d) Certification and payment of contributions.--
- 12 (1) In all cases other than for the purchase of credit
- for sabbatical leave and activated military service leave
- beginning before the effective date of paragraph (2), the
- amount payable shall be certified by the board in accordance
- with methods approved by the actuary and may be paid in a
- 17 lump sum within 90 days or, in the case of an active member,
- may be amortized with statutory interest through salary
- 19 deductions or by personal checks in amounts agreed upon by
- the member and the board.
- 21 (2) In the case of activated military service leave
- 22 beginning before the effective date of this paragraph, the
- amount payable may be paid according to this subsection or
- subsection (c.1), but all lump sum payments must be made and
- 25 all amortization payments commenced within one year of the
- termination of activated military service leave.
- 27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.