

Sec. 145.03. (A) A public employees retirement system is hereby created for the public employees of the state and of the several local authorities mentioned in section 145.01 of the Revised Code. ~~Membership~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN DIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION, MEMBERSHIP in the system is compulsory upon being employed, ~~except that a~~ AND SHALL CONTINUE AS LONG AS PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES.

(B) A student who is not a member at the time of his employment ~~and whose employment~~ with the school, college, or university in which he is enrolled and regularly attending classes ~~will not exceed fifteen hundred hours in any calendar year~~ may ~~choose~~ ELECT to be exempted from compulsory membership AND A STUDENT WHO IS A MEMBER MAY ELECT TO HAVE HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY IN WHICH HE IS ENROLLED AND REGULARLY ATTENDING CLASSES EXEMPTED FROM CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AN ELECTION TO BE EXEMPTED FROM MEMBERSHIP OR CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE MADE by signing a written application for exemption within the first month after being employed and filing the application with the public employees retirement board. ALL

All applications, when approved by the public employees retirement board and filed with the employer, shall be irrevocable while the employee is continuously employed ~~in such exempted capacity~~ BY THE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY AND REGULARLY ATTENDING CLASSES. ~~Any employee who is, or who becomes, a member shall continue the membership as long as he is a public employee, even though he may be in or transferred to an exempted class or group.~~

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