

earns two years of service credit under this system or under the Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system, the person's prior contributions as an other system retirant under this section shall be included in the person's total service credit as a public employees retirement system member, and the person shall forfeit all rights and benefits of this section. Not more than one year of credit may be given for any period of twelve months.

(F) This section does not affect the receipt of benefits by or eligibility for benefits of any person who on August 20, 1976, was receiving a disability benefit or service retirement pension or allowance from a state or municipal retirement system in Ohio and was a member of any other state or municipal retirement system of this state.

(G) The public employees retirement board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

Sec. 145.383. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Compensation" has the same meaning as in section 3307.01 or 3309.01 of the Revised Code, as appropriate.

(2) "PERS position" means a position for which a member of the public employees retirement system is making contributions to the system.

(3) "Other state retirement system" means the state teachers retirement system or the school employees retirement system.

(4) "State retirement system" means the public employees retirement system, state teachers retirement system, or the school employees retirement system.

(B)(1) A member of the public employees retirement system who holds two or more PERS positions may retire under section 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, ~~145.34~~, 145.332, 145.37, or 145.46 of the Revised Code from the position for which the annual earnable salary at the time of retirement is highest and continue to contribute to the retirement system for the other PERS position or positions.

(2) A member of the public employees retirement system who also holds one or more other positions covered by the other state retirement systems may retire under section 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, ~~145.34~~, 145.332, 145.37, or 145.46 of the Revised Code from the PERS position and continue contributing to the other state retirement systems if the annual earnable salary for the PERS position at the time of retirement is greater than annual compensation for the position, or any of the positions, covered by the other state retirement systems.

(3) A member of the public employees retirement system who holds two

or more PERS positions and at least one other position covered by one of the other state retirement systems may retire under section 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, ~~145.34~~, 145.332, 145.37, or 145.46 of the Revised Code from one of the PERS positions and continue contributing to the public employees retirement system and the other state retirement system if the annual earnable salary for the PERS position from which the member is retiring is, at the time of retirement, greater than the annual compensation or earnable salary for any of the positions for which the member is continuing to make contributions.

(4) A member of the public employees retirement system who has retired as provided in division (B)(2) or (3) of section 3307.351 or division (B)(2) or (3) of section 3309.343 of the Revised Code may continue to contribute to the public employees retirement system for a PERS position if the member held the position at the time of retirement from the other state retirement system.

(5) A member who contributes to the public employees retirement system in accordance with division (B)(1), (3), or (4) of this section shall contribute in accordance with section 145.47 of the Revised Code. The member's employer shall contribute as provided in section 145.48 of the Revised Code. Neither the member nor the member's survivors are eligible for any benefits based on those contributions other than those provided under section 145.384, 3307.352, or 3309.344 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) In determining retirement eligibility and the annual retirement allowance of a member who retires as provided in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the following shall be used to the date of retirement:

(a) The member's earnable salary and compensation for all positions covered by a state retirement system;

(b) Total service credit in any state retirement system, except that the credit shall not exceed one year of credit for any period of twelve months;

(c) The member's accumulated contributions.

(2) A member who retires as provided in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section is a retirant for all purposes of this chapter, except that the member is not subject to section 145.38 of the Revised Code for a position or positions for which contributions continue under those divisions or division (B)(4) of this section.

(D) A retired member receiving a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code based on employment subject to this section is not a member of the public employees retirement system and does not have any rights, privileges, or obligations of membership. The retired member is a PERS retirant for purposes of section 145.38 of the Revised Code.

(E) The public employees retirement board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

Sec. 145.384. (A) As used in this section, "PERS retirant" means a PERS retirant who is not subject to division (C) of section 145.38 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this section, "PERS retirant" also includes both of the following:

(1) A member who retired under section 145.383 of the Revised Code;

(2) A retirant whose retirement allowance resumed under section 145.385 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) An other system retirant or PERS retirant who has made contributions under section 145.38 or 145.383 of the Revised Code or, in the case of a retirant described in division (A)(2) of this section, section 145.47 of the Revised Code may file an application with the public employees retirement system to receive either a benefit, as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, or payment of the retirant's contributions made under those sections, as provided in division (H) of this section.

(2) A benefit under this section shall consist of an annuity having a reserve equal to the amount of the retirant's accumulated contributions for the period of employment, other than the contributions excluded pursuant to division (B)(4)(a) or (b) of section 145.38 of the Revised Code, and an amount of the employer's contributions determined by the board.

(a) Unless, as described in division (I) of this section, the application is accompanied by a statement of the spouse's consent to another form of payment or the board waives the requirement of spousal consent, a PERS retirant or other system retirant who is married at the time of application for a benefit under this section shall receive a monthly annuity under which the actuarial equivalent of the retirant's single life annuity is paid in a lesser amount for life and one-half of the lesser amount continues after the retirant's death to the surviving spouse.

(b) A PERS retirant or other system retirant who is not subject to division (B)(2)(a) of this section shall elect either to receive the benefit as a monthly annuity or a lump sum payment discounted to the present value using a rate of interest determined by the board. A retirant who elects to receive a monthly annuity shall select one of the following as the plan of payment:

(i) The retirant's single life annuity;

(ii) The actuarial equivalent of the retirant's single life annuity in an equal or lesser amount for life and continuing after death to a surviving beneficiary designated at the time the plan of payment is selected.

If a retirant who is eligible to select a plan of payment under division