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Sec. 3309.351. A member of the school employees retirement system shall, in computing years of active service, be given full credit for the time served in an Ohio police or fire department AND covered under Chapter 521., 741., or 742. OR FORMER CHAPTER 521. OR 741. of the Revised Code, or IN the state highway patrol AND covered under Chapter 5505. of the Revised Code, provided, THAT for each year of service credit, the member shall pay into PAYS TO the school employees retirement system the amount which the member HE would have paid through regular salary deductions had the member HE been a member of the school employees retirement system during such prior employment, with interest compounded annually from THE date of withdrawal to THE date of deposit at a rate to be determined by the board. The member may choose to purchase only part of such credit in any one payment, subject to board rules.

A member is ineligible to purchase SERVICE CREDIT under this section FOR service that is used in the calculation of any retirement benefit currently being paid or payable in the future to the member.

Service credit purchased under this section shall be considered the equivalent of Ohio service credit.

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