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recovered by any recovery procedures available under this chapter.

"Armed forces" of the United States includes army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or any reserve component of such forces; national guard; the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; the merchant marine service during wartime; auxiliary corps as established by congress; service as a red cross nurse with the army, navy, air force, hospital service of the United States, army nurse corps, navy nurse corps, or serving full-time with the American red cross in a combat zone; and such other service as may be designated by congress as included therein.

A member of the fund who has purchased service credit under this section, or the member's estate, is entitled to be refunded the amount paid to purchase such credit, or a pro rata portion thereof, provided that the purchased service credit, or a portion of the purchased service credit, does not serve to increase a pension or benefit paid under section 742.37 or 742.39 of the Revised Code. The refund of any amount paid to purchase credit under this section, or a pro rata portion thereof, shall cancel an equivalent amount of service credit.

Sec. 742.521. (A) As used in this section, "armed forces" of the United States means the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or any reserve components of such forces; the national guard; the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; the merchant marine service during wartime; auxiliary corps as established by congress; service as a red cross nurse with the army, navy, air force, hospital service of the United States, army nurse corps, navy nurse corps, or serving full-time with the American red cross in a combat zone; and such other service as may be designated by congress.

(B) A member of the fund who is an employee of a police or fire department and who enlisted or enlists, was inducted or is inducted, was or is called into active duty, or accepted or accepts a commission in the armed forces, in computing years of service in such police or fire department, shall be given full credit for such time served in the armed forces, provided the person has been honorably discharged from the armed forces or from active duty therein, has made application for reinstatement in the active service of the police or fire department within ninety days from the date of discharge, and employer contributions have been paid pursuant to this section. Service credit given under this section for time served in the armed forces shall not exceed five years.

(C) A member of the fund is ineligible to receive service credit under this section for any time served in the armed forces that is used to obtain service credit under former section 742.18, 742.19, 742.20, or 742.21 or

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section 742.52 of the Revised Code.

At the time such credit is requested, the member shall certify on a form supplied by the retirement board that the member does and will conform to this requirement. Any benefit paid under this section to which the member is not entitled shall be recovered by any recovery procedures available under this chapter. This section does not cancel any military service credit earned under this chapter prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ October 29, 1996.

(D) An employer of a member entitled to service credit under this section shall pay the Ohio police and firemen's disability and fire pension fund an amount equal to that which would have been paid under section 742.33 or 742.34 of the Revised Code had the member continued police or fire employment during the period of military service. The board of trustees may adopt rules setting the manner in which the employer contribution is calculated and paid.

Sec. 742.53. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Long-term care insurance" has the same meaning as in section 3923.41 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Retirement systems" has the same meaning as in division (A) of section 145.581 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of the Ohio police and firemen's disability and fire pension fund shall establish a program under which members of the fund, employers on behalf of members, and persons receiving service or disability pensions or survivor benefits are permitted to participate in contracts for long-term care insurance. Participation may include dependents and family members. If a participant in a contract for long-term care insurance leaves employment, the participant and the participant's dependents and family members may, at their election, continue to participate in a program established under this section in the same manner as if the participant had not left employment, except that no part of the cost of the insurance shall be paid by the participant's former employer.

Such program may be established independently or jointly with one or more of the other retirement systems.

(C) The fund may enter into an agreement with insurance companies, health insuring corporations, or government agencies authorized to do business in the state for issuance of a long-term care policy or contract. However, prior to entering into such an agreement with an insurance company or health insuring corporation, the fund shall request the superintendent of insurance to certify the financial condition of the company or corporation. The fund shall not enter into the agreement if, according to