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or criminally insane operated by the department of mental health, no resident in an institution for the mentally retarded operated by the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, no resident admitted as a patient of the Ohio veterans' home at Sandusky, and no resident of a county home shall be considered as a public employee for the purpose of establishing membership or calculating service credit or benefits under this chapter. Nothing in this division shall be construed to affect any service credit attained by any person who was a public employee before becoming an inmate, patient, or resident at any institution listed in this division, or the payment of any benefit for which such a person or such a person's beneficiaries otherwise would be eligible.

Sec. 145.014. (A) "Employer" or "public employer," as defined in division (D) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, does not include a regional council created under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Membership in the council consists of political subdivisions of Ohio and at least two other states;

(2) The primary purpose of the council is regional transportation planning;

(3) The council was not contributing to the public employees retirement system on July 31, 1997.

(B) If, prior to the effective date of this section, the public employees retirement system determined that a regional council described in division (A) of this section was not a public employer, the system shall not require the council to submit employer and employee contributions for the time period FOLLOWING the date of the determination.

(C) an employee of a regional council described in division (A) of this section shall forever be barred from claiming or purchasing membership rights or service credit under the public employees retirement system for the period of that employee's employment with the regional council.

Sec. 145.09. The public employees retirement board shall elect from its membership a ~~chairman~~ chairperson, and shall appoint an executive director who shall serve as secretary to the board, an actuary, and other employees as necessary for the transaction of the business of the public employees retirement system. The compensation of all persons so appointed shall be fixed by the board. Every expense voucher of an employee, officer, or board member of the public employees retirement system shall itemize all purchases and expenditures.

The board shall perform other functions as required for the proper execution of sections 145.01 to 145.58 of the Revised Code, and may adopt