Sec. 145.03 (486-33). Public employees retirement system.

A public *** employees retirement system is hereby created for the *** employees of the state *** and of the several local authorities mentioned in section *** 145.01 of the Revised Code. Membership in the *** system shall be compulsory and shall consist of all public *** employees upon being appointed. *** The public employees retirement board *** may exempt from compulsory membership in the *** system, classes or groups of *** employees engaged in work of a temporary, casual, or exceptional nature, providing, such employment does not exceed three months ***; but individuals in any such class or group so exempted may become members by making application therefor, subject to the approval of the *** board ***. Any employee who is, or who becomes, a member must continue such membership as long as he is a public *** employee, even though he may be in or transferred to an exempted class or group.