then appointing authority or because the member resigned due to pregnancy or adoption of a child, shall have the right to make such payment, at the contribution rate in effect at the time of payment, with interest on such amount compounded annually at a rate to be determined by the retirement board as the member would have made if the member had continued on the payroll at the earnable salary the member was receiving at the time public service was interrupted may purchase service credit for the period of absence or resignation, provided that subsequent to such leave of absence or resignation the member returned to regular contributing status in the retirement system for at least twelve calendar months. In the case of resignation, the member must submit evidence satisfactory to the retirement board documenting that the resignation was due to pregnancy or adoption of a child.

The member may choose to purchase only part of the credit in any one payment, subject to board rules. The payment shall entitle the member to receive service credit for the leave or period of absence, Credit shall be purchased under this section in accordance with section 145.29 of the Revised Code, except that service credit purchased under this section shall not exceed one year. The payment, together with any regular interest, shall, in the event of death or withdrawal from service of the member prior to retirement, be considered as accumulated contributions of the member.

Sec. 145.29 145.292. Three years of contributing membership in the public employees retirement system subsequent to the date that membership is established entitles a member to receive prior service credit for services prior to January 1, 1935, in any capacity which comes under this chapter, provided that such member has not lost membership at any time by the withdrawal of the member's accumulated contributions. Members who have withdrawn an exemption shall receive the prior service credit provided for under the conditions of this section, only in the event such member has made the payments required by section 145.28 of the Revised Code. If the public employees retirement board determines that a position of any employee member in any one calendar year prior to January 1, 1935, was a part-time position, the board may determine what fractional part of a year's eredit shall be given. In determining what credit shall be allowed to regular, full-time employees who are paid on an hourly or per diem basis, the board shall allow a full day's credit to any employee toward retirement who is ealled to work and works any portion of a day. Credit for service between January 1, 1935, and the date of becoming a member of the public employees retirement system except a part-time employee who claimed exemption under the provisions of section 145.03 of the Revised Code, may

be secured <u>purchased</u> by any public employee for service rendered an employer <u>provided such public employee pays into the employees' savings fund an amount equal to the amount the member would have paid if deductions had been taken on the member's earnable salary at the member contribution rate in effect at the time of such payment for service after January 1, 1935, or since the member's date of employment, plus interest on such amount compounded annually 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. Such payment shall be refunded in the event of the death or withdrawal from service of the member prior to retirement under the same conditions and in the same manner as refunds are made under sections 145.40 and 145.43 of the Revised Code, from the employees' savings fund. Credit shall be purchased under this section in accordance with section 145.29 of the Revised Code.</u>

Sec. 145.293. (A) Service credit <u>may be</u> purchased under this section shall be included in the member's total service credit. Credit may be purchased for the following:

- (1) Service rendered in another state, and service in any entity operated by the United States government, that, if served in a comparable position in Ohio, would be covered by the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system;
- (2) Service for which contributions were made by the member or on the member's behalf to a municipal retirement system in this state, except that if the conditions specified in section 145.2910 of the Revised Code are met, service credit for this service may be purchased only in accordance with section 145.2911 of the Revised Code.

The number of years purchased under this section shall not exceed the lesser of five years or the member's total accumulated number of years of Ohio service.

(B) For each year of service purchased, a member shall pay to the public employees retirement system for credit to the member's accumulated account an amount equal to the member's retirement contribution for full-time employment for the first year of Ohio service following termination of the service to be purchased. To this amount shall be added an amount equal to compound interest at a rate established by the public employees retirement board from the date of membership in the public employees retirement system to date of payment. The member may choose to purchase only part of such credit in any one payment, subject to board rules Credit shall be purchased under this section in accordance with section