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Sec. 145.293. Service credit purchased under this section shall be ~~considered the equivalent of Ohio~~ INCLUDED IN THE MEMBER'S TOTAL service credit. Credit may be purchased for ~~service~~ THE FOLLOWING:

(A) 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;

(B) SERVICE FOR WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE BY THE MEMBER OR ON HIS BEHALF TO A MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

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, ~~whichever is lesser.~~

For each year of service purchased, a member shall pay to the public employees retirement system for credit to his accumulated account an amount equal to his 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.

A member is ineligible to purchase under this section service FOR WHICH HE HAS OBTAINED CREDIT UNDER SECTION 145.44 OF THE REVISED CODE OR SERVICE that is used in the calculation of any retirement benefit currently being paid or payable in the future to the member under any

other retirement program except social security. At the time the credit is purchased the member shall certify on a form furnished by the retirement board that he does and will conform to this requirement. Any benefit paid under this section to which a member is not entitled shall be recovered by any procedures available to the retirement board.

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