

(D) The retirement allowance determined under this section shall be paid as provided in section 145.46 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 145.332. Eligibility of members of the public employees retirement system, other than those subject to section 145.32 of the Revised Code, for age and service retirement shall be determined under this section.

(A) A member of the public employees retirement system is eligible for age and service retirement under this division if, not later than five years after the effective date of this section, the member meets one of the following requirements:

(1) Has attained age forty-eight and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer;

(2) Has attained age fifty-two and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS public safety officer or has service as a PERS public safety officer and service as a PERS law enforcement officer that when combined equal at least twenty-five years of total service credit;

(3) Has attained age sixty-two and has at least fifteen years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer.

(B)(1) A member who would be eligible to retire not later than ten years after the effective date of this amendment if the requirements of section 145.33 of the Revised Code as they existed immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment were still in effect is eligible to retire under this division if the member meets one of the following requirements:

(a) Has attained age fifty and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer;

(b) Has attained age fifty-four and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS public safety officer or has service as a PERS public safety officer and service as a PERS law enforcement officer that when combined equal at least twenty-five years of total service credit;

(c) Has attained age sixty-four and has at least fifteen years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer.

(2) A member who on the effective date of this amendment has twenty or more years of total service credit is eligible for age and service retirement under this division on meeting one of the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section, regardless of when the member meets the requirement unless, between the effective date of this section and the date the member meets the requirement, the member receives a refund of accumulated contributions under section 145.40 of the Revised Code.

(C) A member who is not eligible for age and service retirement under

division (A) or (B) of this section is eligible under this division if the member meets one of the following requirements:

(1) Has attained age fifty-two and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer;

(2) Has attained age fifty-six and has at least twenty-five years of total service credit as a PERS public safety officer or has service as a PERS public safety officer and service as a PERS law enforcement officer that when combined equal at least twenty-five years of total service credit;

(3) Has attained age sixty-four and has at least fifteen years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer.

(D) Service credit purchased or obtained under this chapter shall be used in determining whether a member has the number of years of total service credit required under division (A) or (B) of this section only if the member was a member on the effective date of this section or obtains credit under section 145.483 of the Revised Code that would have made the member a member on that date and one of the following applies:

(1) Except in the case of service credit that has been or will be purchased or obtained under section 145.295 or 145.37 of the Revised Code or is for service covered by the Cincinnati retirement system:

(a) For division (A) of this section, the service credit purchase is completed or the service credit is obtained not later than five years after the effective date of this section;

(b) For division (B) of this section, the service credit purchase is completed or the service credit is obtained not later than ten years after the effective date of this section.

(2) In the case of service credit that has been or will be purchased or obtained under section 145.295 or 145.37 of the Revised Code or is for service covered by the Cincinnati retirement system:

(a) For division (A) of this section, the service for which the credit has been or will be purchased or obtained occurs not later than five years after the effective date of this section;

(b) For division (B) of this section, the service for which the credit has been or will be purchased or obtained occurs not later than ten years after the effective date of this section.

(E)(1) A member with at least twenty-five years of total service credit who would be eligible to retire under division (B)(1)(a) of this section had the member attained age fifty and who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, on or after attaining age forty-eight, but before

attaining age fifty, may elect to receive a reduced benefit. The benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the allowance calculated under division (F) of this section adjusted for age.

(2) A member with at least twenty-five years of total service credit who would be eligible to retire under division (C)(1) of this section had the member attained age fifty-two and who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, on or after attaining age forty-eight, but before attaining age fifty-two, may elect to receive a reduced benefit. The benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the allowance calculated under division (F) of this section adjusted for age.

(3) A member with at least twenty-five years of total service credit who would be eligible to retire under division (A)(2) of this section had the member attained age fifty-two and who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, on or after attaining age forty-eight, but before attaining age fifty-two, may elect to receive a reduced benefit.

(a) If eligibility to make the election under division (E)(3) of this section occurs not later than five years after the effective date of this section, the benefit shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Reduced Benefit</u>
<u>48</u>	<u>75% of the benefit payable under division (F) of this section</u>
<u>49</u>	<u>80% of the benefit payable under division (F) of this section</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>86% of the benefit payable under division (F) of this section</u>
<u>51</u>	<u>93% of the benefit payable under division (F) of this section</u>

(b) If eligibility to make the election occurs after the date determined under division (E)(3)(a) of this section, the benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the allowance calculated under division (F) of this section adjusted for age.

(4) A member with at least twenty-five years of total service credit who would be eligible to retire under division (B)(1)(b) of this section had the member attained age fifty-four and who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, on or after attaining age forty-eight, but before attaining age fifty-four, may elect to receive a reduced benefit. The benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the allowance calculated under division

(F) of this section adjusted for age.

(5) A member with at least twenty-five years of total service credit who would be eligible to retire under division (C)(2) of this section had the member attained age fifty-six and who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, on or after attaining age fifty-two, but before attaining age fifty-six, may elect to receive a reduced benefit. The benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the allowance calculated under division (F) of this section adjusted for age.

(6) If a member elects to receive a reduced benefit under division (E)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section, the reduced benefit shall be based on the member's age on the member's most recent birthday. Once a member elects to receive a reduced benefit and has received a payment, the member may not change that election.

(F) A benefit paid under division (A), (B), or (C) of this section shall consist of an annual single lifetime allowance equal to the sum of two and one-half per cent of the member's final average salary multiplied by the first twenty-five years of the member's total service credit plus two and one-tenth per cent of the member's final average salary multiplied by the number of years of the member's total service credit in excess of twenty-five years.

(G) A member with at least fifteen years of total service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for any reason except death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony may apply for an age and service retirement benefit, which shall consist of an annual single lifetime allowance equal to one and one-half per cent of the member's final average salary multiplied by the number of years of the member's total service credit.

(1) If the member will attain age fifty-two not later than ten years after the effective date of this section, the retirement allowance shall commence on the first day of the calendar month following the month in which application is filed with the board on or after the member's attainment of age fifty-two.

(2) If the member will not attain age fifty-two on or before the date determined under division (G)(1) of this section, the retirement allowance shall commence on the first day of the calendar month following the month in which application is filed with the board on or after the member's attainment of age fifty-six.

(H) A benefit paid under this section shall not exceed the lesser of ninety per cent of the member's final average salary or the limit established

by section 415 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 415, as amended.

(I) A member with service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer and other service credit under this chapter may elect one of the following:

(1) To have all the member's service credit under this chapter, including credit for service as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer, used in calculating a retirement allowance under section 145.33 of the Revised Code if the member qualifies for an allowance under that section;

(2) If the member qualifies for an allowance under division (A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(1), or (E)(1) or (2) of this section, to receive all of the following:

(a) A benefit under division (A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(1), or (E)(1) or (2) of this section for the member's service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer;

(b) A single life annuity having a reserve equal to the amount of the member's accumulated contributions for all service other than PERS law enforcement service;

(c) A pension equal to the annuity provided under division (I)(2)(b) of this section, excluding amounts of the member's accumulated contributions deposited under former division (Y) of section 145.01 or former sections 145.02, 145.29, 145.292, and 145.42, or sections 145.20, 145.201, 145.28, 145.291, 145.292, 145.293, 145.299, 145.2916, 145.301, 145.47, and 145.814 of the Revised Code for the purchase of service credit.

(3) If the member qualifies for an allowance under division (A)(2), (B)(2), (C)(2), or (E)(3), (4), or (5) of this section, to receive all of the following:

(a) A benefit under division (A)(2), (B)(2), (C)(2), or (E)(3), (4), or (5) of this section for the member's service credit as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer;

(b) A single life annuity having a reserve equal to the amount of the member's accumulated contributions for all service other than PERS law enforcement service or PERS public safety officer service;

(c) A pension equal to the annuity provided under division (I)(3)(b) of this section, excluding amounts of the member's accumulated contributions deposited under former division (Y) of section 145.01 or former sections 145.02, 145.29, 145.292, and 145.42, or sections 145.20, 145.201, 145.28, 145.291, 145.292, 145.293, 145.299, 145.2916, 145.301, 145.47, and 145.814 of the Revised Code for the purchase of service credit.

(J) For the purposes of this section, "total service credit" includes credit

for military service to the extent permitted by division (K) of this section and credit for service as a police officer or state highway patrol trooper to the extent permitted by division (L) of this section.

(K) Notwithstanding sections 145.01 and 145.30 of the Revised Code, not more than four years of military service credit granted or purchased under section 145.30 of the Revised Code and five years of military service credit purchased under section 145.301 or 145.302 of the Revised Code shall be used in calculating service as a PERS law enforcement officer or PERS public safety officer or the total service credit of that person.

(L)(1) Only credit for the member's service as a PERS law enforcement officer, PERS public safety officer, or service credit obtained as a police officer or state highway patrol trooper shall be used in computing the benefit of a member who qualifies for a benefit under this section for the following:

(a) Any person who originally is commissioned and employed as a deputy sheriff by the sheriff of any county, or who originally is elected sheriff, on or after January 1, 1975;

(b) Any deputy sheriff who originally is employed as a criminal bailiff or court constable on or after April 16, 1993;

(c) Any person who originally is appointed as a township constable or police officer in a township police department or district on or after January 1, 1981;

(d) Any person who originally is employed as a county narcotics agent on or after September 26, 1984;

(e) Any person who originally is employed as an undercover drug agent as defined in section 109.79 of the Revised Code, department of public safety enforcement agent who prior to June 30, 1999, was a liquor control investigator, park officer, forest officer, wildlife officer, state watercraft officer, park district police officer, conservancy district officer, veterans' home police officer, special police officer for a mental health institution, special police officer for an institution for the developmentally disabled, or municipal police officer on or after December 15, 1988;

(f) Any person who originally is employed as a state university law enforcement officer on or after November 6, 1996;

(g) Any person who is originally employed as a state university law enforcement officer by the university of Akron on or after September 16, 1998;

(h) Any person who originally is employed as a preserve officer on or after March 18, 1999;

(i) Any person who originally is employed as a natural resources law enforcement staff officer on or after March 18, 1999;

(j) Any person who is originally employed as a department of public safety enforcement agent on or after June 30, 1999;

(k) Any person who is originally employed as a house sergeant at arms or assistant house sergeant at arms on or after September 5, 2001;

(l) Any person who is originally appointed as a regional transit authority police officer or state highway patrol police officer on or after February 1, 2002;

(m) Any person who is originally employed as a municipal public safety director on or after September 29, 2005, but not later than March 24, 2009.

(2) Only credit for a member's service as a PERS public safety officer or service credit obtained as a PERS law enforcement officer, police officer, or state highway patrol trooper shall be used in computing the benefit of a member who qualifies for a benefit under division (B)(1)(b) or (c), (B)(2), (C)(1)(b) or (c), or (C)(2) of this section for any person who originally is employed as a Hamilton county municipal court bailiff on or after November 6, 1996.

(M) For purposes of this section, service prior to June 30, 1999, as a food stamp trafficking agent under former section 5502.14 of the Revised Code shall be considered service as a law enforcement officer.

(N) Retirement allowances determined under this section shall be paid as provided in section 145.46 of the Revised Code.

(O) A member seeking to retire under this section shall file an application with the public employees retirement board.

Service retirement shall be effective as provided in division (E) of section 145.32 of the Revised Code.

(P) If fewer than one per cent of the retirement system's members are contributing as public safety officers, the board, pursuant to a rule it adopts, may treat service as a public safety officer as service as a law enforcement officer.

Sec. 145.333. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Retirement allowance" means any of the following as appropriate:

(a) An allowance calculated under section 145.33 or 145.332 of the Revised Code prior to any reduction for early retirement or election under section 145.46 of the Revised Code of a plan of payment and exclusive of any amounts payable under divisions (I)(2)(b) and (c) or (I)(3)(b) and (c) of section 145.332 of the Revised Code;

(b) An allowance calculated under division (A) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code;

(c) An allowance calculated under division (B)(1)(a) of section 145.331 of the Revised Code.

(2) "CBBC" means the contribution based benefit cap, a limit established by the public employees retirement board on the retirement allowance a member may receive.

(B) Based on the advice of an actuary appointed by the board, the board shall designate a number as the CBBC factor. The board may revise the factor pursuant to advice from an actuary appointed by the board.

(C) Prior to paying a retirement allowance, the public employees retirement system shall make the following calculations:

(1) Determine an amount equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, exclusive of contributions payable under divisions (D)(2)(b) and (c) or (D)(3)(b) and (c) of section 145.332 of the Revised Code but including any contributions made under section 145.483 of the Revised Code that represent member contributions, any contributions used to fund a benefit under section 145.36 of the Revised Code, with interest compounded at a rate approved by the board, and a portion of any amounts paid by an employer under sections 145.297 or 145.298 of the Revised Code, as determined by an actuary appointed by the board;

(2) Determine the amount of a single life annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the amount determined under division (C)(1) of this section, adjusted for age of the member at the time of retirement or, when appropriate, the age at the time of the member's death;

(3) Multiply the annuity amount determined under division (C) (2) of this section by the CBBC factor.

(D) The amount determined under division (C)(3) of this section is the member's CBBC. Except as provided in division (E) of this section, if the retirement allowance the member would receive exceeds the member's CBBC, the allowance shall be reduced to an amount equal to the member's CBBC.

(E) The retirement allowance of a member eligible for age and service retirement under division (A) of section 145.32 of the Revised Code or division (A) of section 145.332 of the Revised Code shall not be reduced under division (D) of this section by more than five per cent of the member's single lifetime allowance computed under section 145.33 or 145.332 of the Revised Code, unless during any full month of service earned after January 1, 1987, the member's earnable salary was less than one thousand dollars.

Sec. 145.35. (A) As used in this section, "on-duty illness or injury" means an illness or injury that occurred during or resulted from performance of duties under the direct supervision of a ~~member's appointing authority~~ public employer.

(B) The public employees retirement system shall provide disability