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(B) This division applies to any member who is employed in a position in which the member has made an election under section 3305.05 or 3305.051 of the Revised Code and due to the election ceases to be a public employee for purposes of that position.

Subject to section 145.57 of the Revised Code, the public employees retirement system shall do the following:

(1) On receipt of a certified copy of a form evidencing an election under section 3305.05 or 3305.051 of the Revised Code, pay to the appropriate provider, in accordance with section 3305.052 of the Revised Code, the amount described in section 3305.052 of the Revised Code;

(2) If a member has accumulated contributions, in addition to those subject to division (B)(1) of this section, standing to the credit of the member's individual account and is not otherwise employed in a position in which the member is considered a public employee for the purposes of that position, pay, to the provider the member selected pursuant to section 3305.05 or 3305.051 of the Revised Code, the member's accumulated contributions. The payment shall be made on the member's application.

(C) Payment of a member's accumulated contributions under division (B) of this section cancels the member's total service credit in the public employees retirement system. A member whose accumulated contributions are paid to a provider pursuant to division (B) of this section is forever barred from claiming or purchasing service credit under the public employees retirement system for the period of employment attributable to those contributions.

Sec. 145.401. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible contributions" means amounts contributed under section 145.47 of the Revised Code, amounts received from a member or transferred under section 145.20, 145.295, 145.302, or 145.44 of the Revised Code, and any interest credited under section 145.471 or 145.472 of the Revised Code. "Eligible contributions" does not include contributions that were used in the payment of a disability benefit or, as provided in rules adopted by the board, were refunded to a member because the system was not authorized to accept the contributions.

(2) "Service, "service credit" means service credit earned for periods for which contributions were made under section 145.47 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, periods for which service credit was purchased or transferred restored under section 145.20, 145.295, 145.302, or 145.44 145.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a member has, or at the time of death had, at least five years of service credit, the public employees retirement board shall include the

amount specified in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section rules adopted by the board in the amount payable under section 145.40 of the Revised Code to the member, or under division (B) of section 145.43 of the Revised Code to a beneficiary or beneficiaries of the member, unless at the time of death the member was a disability benefit recipient. The amount specified in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section rules shall be paid from the employers' accumulation fund.

(1) If the member has, or had at the time of death, at least five but less than ten years of service credit, the amount included shall be equal to thirty-three per cent of the member's eligible contributions.

(2) If the member has, or had at the time of death, at least ten years of service credit, the amount included shall be equal to sixty seven per cent of the member's eligible contributions (C) The public employees retirement board shall adopt rules under section 145.09 of the Revised Code specifying the additional amounts that may be provided a member under section 145.40 of the Revised Code or a beneficiary or beneficiaries under division (B) of section 145.43 of the Revised Code. The additional amounts may vary depending on the amount of service credit the member has accrued.

Sec. 145.41. Membership shall cease upon refund of accumulated contributions, death, or retirement except as provided in section 145.362 of the Revised Code. A member who separates from service for any reason other than death or retirement or who otherwise ceases to be a public employee for any reason other than death or retirement may leave the member's accumulated contributions on deposit with the public employees retirement board and, for the purposes of the public employees retirement system, be considered on a membership leave of absence. The member's membership rights shall continue until the member has withdrawn the member's accumulated contributions, retired on a retirement allowance as provided in section 145.33, 145.331, or <del>145.34</del> 145.332 of the Revised Code, or died. The account of such a member shall remain in the employees' savings fund, except that the account of a member who has less than five calendar years of contributing service credit or is a member of the state teachers retirement system or the school employees retirement system may be transferred to the income fund if by the end of the fifth calendar year following the calendar year in which the last contribution was received the member has not died, claimed a refund of contributions, or requested the retirement board to continue the member's membership on a leave of absence basis. In case such a member later requests a refund, the member's account shall be restored to the employees' savings account and refunded therefrom. Members on such leaves of absence shall retain all rights,