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**Sec. 145.40 (486-65). Payment to member who ceases to be a public employee; forfeiture.**

A member who ceases to be a public \*\*\* *employee* for any cause other than death or retirement, and subject to such rules and regulations as \*\*\* *are* established by the *public employees* retirement board, upon application to the board within ten years after such cessation of service, shall be paid the accumulated contributions standing to the credit of his individual account in the \*\*\* *employees'* savings fund, and in addition thereto, he shall be refunded any principal payment he may have made to restore previously forfeited service credit as provided in section \*\*\* *145.31 of the Revised Code*, provided three months have elapsed since his public service was terminated and providing he has not returned to public service \*\*\* during said \*\*\* *three-month* period and \*\*\* providing he is not a member of either the school \*\*\* *employees* retirement system or the state teachers retirement system. Ten years after such cessation of service, if no previous demand has been made, any accumulated contributions of a contributor shall be returned to him or his legal representative. If the member or his legal representative cannot then be found, his accumulated contributions shall be forfeited to the *public employees* retirement system and credited to the income fund.

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