

Sec. 145.40. (A)(1) Subject to the provisions of section 145.57 of the Revised Code AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN DIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION, if a member elects to become exempt from contribution to the public employees retirement system pursuant to section 145.03 of the Revised Code or ceases to be a public employee for any cause other than death, retirement, receipt of a disability benefit, or election of CURRENT EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION IN WHICH THE MEMBER HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN an alternative retirement plan under section 3305.05 of the Revised Code, upon application the public employees retirement board shall pay the member the MEMBER'S accumulated contributions standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the employees' savings fund, plus any principal payment and interest on it the member may have made to purchase additional service credit under this chapter or Section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill 138 of the 117th general assembly, and plus any applicable amount calculated under section 145.401 of the Revised Code, provided that all the following apply:

- (a) Three months have elapsed since the member's public service, other than service exempted from contribution pursuant to section 145.03 of the Revised Code, was terminated;
- (b) The member has not returned to public service, other than service exempted from contribution pursuant to section 145.03 of the Revised Code, during that three-month period;
- (c) The member is not a member of the school employees retirement system or the state teachers retirement system.

The payment of such accumulated contributions shall cancel the total service credit of such member in the public employees retirement system.

(2) Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of this section, division (B) of section 145.401 of the Revised Code, and the definition of "accumulated contributions" in division (J) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, the accumulated contributions paid to a member under this division for service as a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or township constable or police officer in a township police department or district shall not include interest credited to the member's account under section 145.471 or 145.472 of the Revised Code, nor shall the member be paid any amount calculated under section 145.401 of the Revised Code, if the member by continuing to contribute for that service would be eligible to retire under division (B) of section 145.33 of the Revised Code prior to age fifty-two with no reduction in benefits.

(3) A member described in division (A)(1) of this section who is married at the time of application for payment and is eligible for age and service retirement under section 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, or 145.34 of the Revised Code shall submit with the application a written statement by the member's spouse attesting that the spouse consents to the payment of the member's accumulated contributions. Consent shall be valid only if it is signed and witnessed by a notary public.

THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CONSENT IF THE SPOUSE IS INCAPACITATED OR CANNOT BE LOCATED, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD. CONSENT OR WAIVER IS EFFECTIVE ONLY WITH REGARD TO THE SPOUSE WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CONSENT OR WAIVER.

(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 OF THE REVISED CODE AND DUE TO THE ELECTION ceases to be a public employee by electing an alternative retirement plan pursuant to section 3305.05 of the Revised Code and is not otherwise employed as a public employee in a position to which the election does not apply. For purposes of this division, "continuously employed" has the same meaning as in section 3305.01 of the Revised Code FOR PURPOSES OF THAT POSITION.

(1) Subject to section 145.57 of the Revised Code, on the application of a member to whom this division applies who is continuously employed, the public employees retirement board SYSTEM shall pay the accumulated contributions standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the employees' savings fund, plus any additional amounts described in division (A) of this section, to the entity providing the member's alternative retirement plan for application to that plan in accordance with any contract the member has entered into for purposes of that plan.

(2) Subject to section 145.57 of the Revised Code, on application of a member to whom this division applies who has ceased to be continuously employed, the public employees retirement board shall pay the accumulated contributions standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the employees' savings fund, plus any additional amounts described in division (A) of this section, to the entity providing the member's alternative retirement plan for application to that plan in accordance with any contract the member has entered into for purposes of that plan, provided that all of the following apply:

- (a) At least three months have elapsed since the date on which the member ceased to be continuously employed;
- (b) The member has not been employed as a public employee during that three-month period;
- (c) Division (A)(3) of this section applies to the member.

(3) DO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) ON RECEIPT OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF A FORM EVIDENCING AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION 3305.05 OF THE REVISED CODE, PAY TO THE APPROPRIATE PROVIDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3305.051 OF THE REVISED CODE, THE AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3305.051 OF THE REVISED CODE;

(2) IF A MEMBER HAS ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE SUBJECT TO DIVISION

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(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 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 ~~this~~ 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.