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Sec. 145.71. (A) "Eligible employee" includes any public employee as defined in division (A) of section 145.01 of the Revised Code, any person eligible to become a member under section 145.20 of the Revised Code, any employee as defined in division (C) of section 742.01 of the Revised Code, any employee as defined in division (B) of section 3309.01 of the Revised Code, any employee as defined in division (A) of section 5505.01 of the Revised Code, AND any employee who is appointed by the state board of education or the superintendent of public instruction under section 3301.13 of the Revised Code and is a member of the state teachers retirement system, and any employee of the state school for the deaf or the state school for the blind who is a member of the state teachers retirement system.

(B) "Participating employee" includes any eligible employee who is having compensation deferred pursuant to contract, executed before such compensation is earned, with his employer and the public employees deferred compensation board.

(C) "Continuing member" includes any former participating member who is not currently having compensation deferred, or his beneficiary, to whom payment has not been made of all deferred compensation distributions.

(D) Notwithstanding section 145.01 of the Revised Code, the definitions of that section are applicable to sections 145.71 to 145.73 of the Revised Code only to any extent necessary to fully understand the provisions of such sections. Reference may also be had to Chapters 742., 3307., 3309., and 5505. of the Revised Code for such purpose.

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