

contributions excluded under division (F) of section 3307.35 of the Revised Code;

(b) Interest at a rate determined by the state teachers retirement board credited ~~to~~ through the ~~date that~~ later of the month the superannuate or retirant terminated the employment for which the contributions are made or the date required by division (B)(1)(b) of this section.

(3) Payment of a return of contributions under this division shall be made on a date determined by the state teachers retirement board but shall be not earlier than the later of the first day of the first month following termination of employment or the date required by division (B)(1)(b) of this section. The payment cancels the superannuate or retirant's right to a benefit under division (A) of this section for the service for which the contributions were made.

(C)(1) If a superannuate or other system retirant who made contributions under section 3307.35 or 3307.351 of the Revised Code dies before receiving a benefit under division (A) of this section or a return of contributions under division (B) of this section, a lump sum payment shall be paid to the beneficiary designated under division (D)(1) of section 3307.562 of the Revised Code. The lump sum shall be calculated in accordance with division (A) of this section, except that the interest shall be credited as follows:

(a) If the superannuate or retirant was under age sixty-five at the time of death, the interest shall be credited through the month of death.

(b) If the superannuate or retirant was age sixty-five or older at the time of death, the interest shall be credited through the later of the month in which the superannuate or retirant terminated the employment for which the contributions are made or the month the superannuate or retirant attained age sixty-five.

(2) If at the time of death a superannuate or other system retirant receiving a monthly annuity under division (A) of this section has received less than the superannuate or retirant would have received as a lump sum payment, the difference between the amount received and the amount that would have been received as a lump sum payment shall be paid to the superannuate's or retirant's beneficiary designated under division (D)(1) of section 3307.562 of the Revised Code.

(D) No amount received under this section shall be included in determining an additional benefit under section 3307.67 of the Revised Code or any other post-retirement benefit increase.

Sec. 3307.371. (A) As used in this section, "alternate payee," "benefit," "lump sum payment," "participant," and "public retirement program" have

the same meanings as in section 3105.80 of the Revised Code.

(B) On receipt of an order issued under section 3105.171 or 3105.65 of the Revised Code, the state teachers retirement system shall determine whether the order meets the requirements of sections 3105.80 to 3105.90 of the Revised Code. The system shall retain in the participant's record an order the board determines meets the requirements. Not later than sixty days after receipt, the system shall return to the court that issued the order any order the system determines does not meet the requirements.

(C) The system shall comply with an order retained under division (B) of this section at the following times as appropriate:

(1) If the participant has applied for or is receiving a benefit or has applied for but not yet received a lump sum payment, as soon as practicable;

(2) If the participant has not applied for a benefit or lump sum payment, on application by the participant for a benefit or lump sum payment.

(D) If the system transfers a participant's service credit or contributions made by or on behalf of a participant to a public retirement program that is not named in the order, the system shall do both of the following:

(1) Notify the court that issued the order by sending to the court a copy of the order and the name and address of the public retirement program to which the transfer was made.

(2) Send a copy of the order to the public retirement program to which the transfer was made.

(E) If it receives a participant's service credit or contributions and a copy of an order as provided in division (D) of this section, the system shall administer the order as if it were the public retirement program named in the order.

(F) If a participant's benefit or lump sum payment is or will be subject to more than one order described in section 3105.81 of the Revised Code or to an order described in ~~that~~ section 3105.81 of the Revised Code and a withholding an order under section 3111.23 or 3113.24 issued in accordance with Chapter 3119., 3121., 3123., or 3125. of the Revised Code, the system shall, after determining that the amounts that are or will be withheld will cause the benefit or lump sum payment to fall below the limits described in section 3105.85 of the Revised Code, do all of the following:

(1) Establish, in accordance with division (G) of this section and subject to the limits described in section 3105.85 of the Revised Code, the priority in which the orders are or will be paid by the system in accordance with division (G) of this section;

(2) Reduce the amount paid to an alternate payee based on the priority established under division (F)(1) of this section;

(3) Notify, by regular mail, a participant and alternate payee of any action taken under this division.

(G) A withholding or deduction notice issued ~~under section 3111.23 or 3113.21~~ in accordance with Chapter 3119., 3121., 3123., or 3125. of the Revised Code or an order described in section 3115.32 of the Revised Code has priority over all other orders and shall be complied with in accordance with child support enforcement laws. All other orders are entitled to priority in order of earliest retention by the system. The system is not to retain an order that provides for the division of property unless the order is filed in a court with jurisdiction in this state.

(H) The system is not liable in civil damages for loss resulting from any action or failure to act in compliance with this section.

Sec. 3307.39. (A) The state teachers retirement board may enter into an agreement with insurance companies, health insuring corporations, or government agencies authorized to do business in the state for issuance of a policy or contract of health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits, or any combination thereof, for those individuals receiving, under the STRS defined benefit plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, service retirement or a disability or survivor benefit who subscribe to the plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the policy or contract may also include coverage for any eligible individual's spouse and dependent children and for any of the individual's sponsored dependents as the board considers appropriate. If all or any portion of the policy or contract premium is to be paid by any individual receiving service retirement or a disability or survivor benefit, the individual shall, by written authorization, instruct the board to deduct the premium agreed to be paid by the individual to the companies, corporations, or agencies.

The board may contract for coverage on the basis of part or all of the cost of the coverage to be paid from appropriate funds of the state teachers retirement system. The cost paid from the funds of the system shall be included in the employer's contribution rate provided by section 3307.28 of the Revised Code.

The board may enter into an agreement under this division for coverage of recipients of benefits under ~~a~~ an STRS defined contribution plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code if the plan selected includes health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits, or any combination thereof. The board may contract for coverage on the basis that the cost of the coverage will be paid by the recipient or by the plan to which the recipient contributed under this chapter. The board may offer to recipients plans that provide for different levels of coverage or for prepayment of the cost of