

the Revised Code.

The board may enter into an agreement under this division for coverage of recipients of benefits under an STRS defined contribution plan if the plan selected includes health, medical, hospital, or surgical ~~benefits~~ coverage, 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 coverage.

The board may provide for self-insurance of risk or level of risk as set forth in the contract with the companies, corporations, or agencies, and may provide through the self-insurance method specific ~~benefits~~ coverage as authorized by the rules of the board.

(B) The board may make a monthly payment to each recipient of service retirement, or a disability or survivor benefit under the STRS defined benefit plan who is enrolled in coverage under part B of the medicare program established under Title XVIII of "The Social Security Amendments of 1965," 79 Stat. 301 (1965), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395j, as amended, and may make a monthly payment to a recipient of benefits under an STRS defined contribution plan who is eligible for that insurance coverage if the monthly payments are funded through the plan selected by the recipient. The payment shall be the greater of the following:

(1) Twenty-nine dollars and ninety cents;

(2) An amount determined by the board, which shall not exceed ninety per cent of the basic premium for the coverage, except that the amount shall not exceed the amount paid by the recipient.

At the request of the board, the recipient shall certify the amount paid by the recipient for coverage described in this division.

The board shall make all payments under this division beginning the month following receipt of satisfactory evidence of the payment for the coverage.

(C) The board shall establish by rule requirements for the coordination of any coverage, or payment, ~~or benefit~~ provided under this section with any similar coverage, or payment, ~~or benefit~~ made available to the same individual by the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, school employees retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system.

(D) The board shall make all other necessary rules pursuant to the purpose and intent of this section.

Sec. 3307.41. The right of an individual to a pension, an annuity, or a

retirement allowance itself, the right of an individual to any optional benefit, or any other right or benefit accrued or accruing to any individual under this chapter, the various funds created by section 3307.14 of the Revised Code, and all moneys, investments, and income from moneys or investments are exempt from any state tax, except the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, and are exempt from any county, municipal, or other local tax, except income taxes imposed pursuant to section 5748.02, 5748.08, or 5748.09 of the Revised Code, and, except as provided in sections 3105.171, 3105.65, 3115.32, ~~3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, 3123.06~~, 3307.37, 3307.372, and 3307.373 and Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code, shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or any other process of law whatsoever, and shall be unassignable except as specifically provided in this chapter ~~or and~~ sections 3105.171, 3105.65, and 3115.32, ~~3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06~~ and Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3307.56. (A)(1) Subject to ~~sections~~ section 3307.37 ~~and 3307.561~~ of the Revised Code and except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a member participating in the STRS defined benefit plan who ceases to be a teacher for any cause other than death, retirement, receipt of a disability benefit, or current employment in a position in which the member has elected to participate in an alternative retirement plan under section 3305.05 or 3305.051 of the Revised Code, upon application, shall be paid the accumulated contributions standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the teachers' savings fund plus an amount calculated in accordance with section 3307.563 of the Revised Code. If the member or the member's legal representative cannot be found within ten years after the member ceased making contributions pursuant to section 3307.26 of the Revised Code, the accumulated contributions may be transferred to the guarantee fund and thereafter paid to the member, to the member's beneficiaries, or to the member's estate, upon proper application.

(2) 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 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the Revised Code or would be eligible for age and service retirement under either of those sections but for a forfeiture ordered under division (A) or (B) of section 2929.192 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. If the statement is not