

disability benefit paid was less than the amount of the accumulated contributions of the member transferred to the annuity and pension reserve fund at the time of the member's disability retirement, then the difference shall be transferred from the annuity and pension reserve fund to another fund as required. In determining the amount of a member's account following the termination of disability retirement for any reason, the total amount paid shall be charged against the member's refundable account.

If a disability allowance paid under section 3307.631 of the Revised Code is terminated for any reason, the reserve on the allowance at that time in the annuity and pension reserve fund shall be transferred from that fund to the employers' trust fund.

If a former disability benefit recipient again becomes a contributor, other than as an other system retirant under section 3307.35 of the Revised Code, to this retirement system, the school employees retirement system, or the public employees retirement system, and completes at least two additional years of service credit, the former disability benefit recipient shall receive credit for the period as a disability benefit recipient. Credit may be received for more than one period of leave as a disability benefit recipient, except that for credit received on or after July 1, 2013, the total number of years received shall not exceed the lesser of the years of contributing service following the termination of disability benefits or five years of total service credit.

Sec. 3307.50. As used in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Prior service" means all service as a teacher before September 1, 1920, military service credit, all service prior to September 1, 1920, as an employee of any employer who comes within the public employees retirement system, the school employees retirement system, or any other state retirement system established under the laws of Ohio, and similar service in another state, credit for which was procured by a member under former section 3307.33 of the Revised Code, prior to June 25, 1945. Prior service credit shall not be granted to any member for service for which credit or benefits have been received in any other state retirement system in Ohio or for credit that was forfeited by withdrawal of contributions, unless the credit has been restored. If the teacher served as an employee in any two or all of the capacities, "prior service" means the total combined service in the capacities prior to September 1, 1920.

If a teacher who has been granted prior service credit for service rendered prior to September 1, 1920, as an employee of an employer who comes within the public employees retirement system or the school

employees retirement system, establishes, subsequent to September 16, 1957, and before retirement, three years of contributing service in the public employees retirement system, or one year in the school employees retirement system, the prior service credit granted shall become, at retirement, the liability of the other system if the prior service or employment was in a capacity covered by that system.

(B) "Total service," "total service credit," except as provided in section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, or "Ohio service credit" means all service of a member of the state teachers retirement system since last becoming a member and, in addition thereto, restored service credit under section 3307.71 of the Revised Code, all prior service credit, all military service credit computed as provided in this chapter, and all other service credit established under sections 3307.26, 3307.53, ~~3307.54~~, 3307.72, 3307.73, 3307.74, 3307.76, 3307.761, 3307.763, 3307.77, 3307.771, and 3307.78 and former sections 3307.513, 3307.514, and 3307.52 of the Revised Code, and Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 530 of the 114th general assembly. ~~All service credit purchased under section 3307.741 of the Revised Code shall be used exclusively for the purpose of qualifying for service retirement.~~

(C)(1) "Service retirement" means retirement as provided in section 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Disability retirement" means retirement as provided in section 3307.63 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all amounts credited to a contributor's individual account in the teachers' savings fund, together with interest credited thereon at the rates approved by the state teachers retirement board prior to retirement.

(E) "Annuity" means payments for life derived from contributions made by a contributor and paid from the annuity and pension reserve fund. All annuities shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(F) "Pensions" means annual payments for life derived from appropriations made by an employer and paid from the annuity and pension reserve fund. All pensions shall be paid in twelve equal monthly installments.

(G)(1) "Allowance" means the pension plus the annuity, or any other payment under ~~sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code~~ the STRS defined benefit plan, and includes a disability allowance or disability benefit.

(2) "Disability allowance" means an allowance paid on account of disability under section 3307.631 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Disability benefit" means a benefit paid as disability retirement under section 3307.63 of the Revised Code, as a disability allowance under section 3307.631 of the Revised Code, or as a disability benefit under section 3307.57 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Annuity reserve" means the present value, computed upon the basis of mortality tables adopted by the state teachers retirement board with interest, of all payments to be made on account of any annuity, or benefit in lieu of any annuity, granted to a member.

(I) "Pension reserve" means the present value, computed upon the basis of mortality tables adopted by the state teachers retirement board with interest, of all payments to be made on account of any pension, or benefit in lieu of any pension, granted to a member or to a beneficiary.

(J) "Retirant" means any former member who is granted age and service retirement as provided in sections 3307.57, 3307.58, 3307.59, and 3307.60 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Disability benefit recipient" means a member who is receiving a disability benefit.

Sec. 3307.501. (A) As used in this section, "percentage increase" means the percentage that an increase in compensation is of the compensation paid prior to the increase.

(B) Notwithstanding division (L) of section 3307.01 of the Revised Code, for the purpose of determining final average salary under this section, "compensation" has the same meaning as in that division, except that it does not include any amount resulting from a percentage increase paid to a member during the member's two highest years of compensation that exceeds the greater of the following:

(1) The highest percentage increase in compensation paid to the member during any of the three years immediately preceding the earlier of the member's two highest years of compensation and any subsequent partial year of compensation used in calculating the member's final average salary;

(2) A percentage increase paid to the member as part of an increase generally applicable to members employed by the employer. An increase shall be considered generally applicable if it is paid to members employed by a school district board of education in positions requiring a license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all such members or if paid to members employed by an employer other than a school district board of education in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all such members.

(C) The state teachers retirement board shall determine the final average salary of a member as follows: