

Status of teachers in armed forces; member in charge of training for national defense work.

Sec. 3307.02. Upon presentation of an honorable discharge, or certificate of service, and subject to such rules and regulations as are adopted

by the state teachers retirement board, any member of the state teachers retirement system who was or is out of active service as a teacher by reason of having become a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or service shall be considered as on indefinite leave of absence and shall have such service not in excess of *** ten years considered as the equivalent of prior service, provided the member returns to *** service as a teacher within two years after the effective date of such discharge, and establishes one year of service credit, or becomes a member of either the public employees retirement system or the school employees retirement system within such two-year period, and establishes at least one year of service credit. The retirement board shall extend such two-year period an additional year if failure to return is due to continuous professional training as determined by said board. If such member, otherwise qualified for such credit, canceled his membership by the withdrawal of his accumulated account, such military service credit shall be granted following the restoration of his canceled service credit as provided by section 3307.28 of the Revised Code. "Armed forces" of the United States, as used in this section, includes army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, auxiliary corps as established by congress, army nurse corps, navy nurse corps, red cross nurse serving with the army, navy, or hospital service of the United States, and such other service as is designated by the congress as included therein. Any member of the state teachers retirement system or anyone who becomes a new entrant who is assigned or called to take charge of special training for essential national defense work or veterans' training courses in any of the public schools or universities of the state may make regular contributions to the state teachers retirement system even though his salary is paid from federal funds, provided his salary is disbursed by an employer.

SECTION 3. Any member, eligible for any of the retirement allowances or other benefits provided in Chapters 145., 3307., and 3309. of the Revised Code as of June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, and who terminated his public service during the month of June, 1959, but did not file an application for retirement, may file, as provided by law, during the month of July, 1959, and shall be eligible for retirement as of June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, and such allowances or benefits shall be payable from and after July 1, 1959, and any such member or any member retiring on June 30, 1959, or July 1, 1959, voluntarily or otherwise, shall be eligible for allowances or benefits as computed under the provisions of this act.

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