

the Revised Code that is required to be paid in that month to each school district located wholly within the county subsequent to the deductions described in division (D)(1)(b) of this section;

(b) The amounts deducted from such allocation under sections 3307.31 and 3309.51 of the Revised Code for payment directly to the school employees and state teachers retirement systems under such sections.

(2) If the district is located in more than one county, an apportionment of the amounts that would otherwise be certified under division (D)(1) of this section. The amounts apportioned to the county shall equal the amounts certified under division (D)(1) of this section times the percentage of the district's resident pupils who reside both in the district and in the county, based on the average daily membership reported under division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code in October of the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 3307.27. The contributions required under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code shall not be made by an employer on a teacher's behalf, but may be treated as paid by the employer in accordance with division (h) of section 414 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 414(h), as amended.

Sec. 3307.77. (A) As used in this section, "employer" means the employer employing a member of the state teachers retirement system at the time the member commences an absence, or is granted a leave described in this section.

(B) Any member of the state teachers retirement system participating in the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code who is, or has been, prevented from making contributions under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code because of an absence due to the member's own illness or injury, or who is, or has been, granted a leave for educational, professional, or other purposes pursuant to section 3319.13, ~~3319.134~~ 3319.141, or 3345.28 of the Revised Code or for any other reason approved by the state teachers retirement board, may purchase service credit, not to exceed two years for each such period of absence or leave, either by having deductions made in accordance with division (C) of this section or by making the payment required by division (D) or (E) of this section.

(C) If the absence or leave begins and ends in the same year, the member may purchase credit for the absence or leave by having the employer deduct and transmit to the system from payrolls in that year employee contributions on the amount certified by the employer as the compensation the member would have received had the member remained employed in the position held when the absence or leave commenced. The deductions may be made even though the minimum compensation provided

by law for the member is reduced thereby, unless the amount to be deducted exceeds the compensation to be paid the member from the time deductions begin until the end of the year, in which case credit may not be purchased under this division. The employer shall pay the system the employer contributions on the compensation amount certified under this division. Employee and employer contributions shall be made at the rates in effect at the time the absence or leave occurred. If the employee or employer rates in effect change during the absence or leave, the contributions for each month of the absence or leave shall be made at the rate in effect for that month.

(D) During or following the absence or leave, but no later than two years following the last day of the year in which the absence or leave terminates, a member may purchase credit for the absence or leave by paying to the employer, and the employer transmitting to the system, employee contributions on the amount certified by the employer as the compensation the member would have received had the member remained employed in the position held when the absence or leave commenced. The employer shall pay the system the employer contributions on the compensation amount certified under this division. Employee and employer contributions shall be made at the rates in effect at the time the absence or leave occurred. If the employee or employer rates in effect change during the absence or leave, the contributions for each month of an absence or leave shall be made at the rate in effect for that month.

(E) After two years following the last day of the year in which an absence or leave terminated, a member may purchase credit for the absence or leave by paying the employer, and the employer transmitting to the system, the sum of the following for each year of credit purchased:

(1) An amount determined by multiplying the employee rate of contribution in effect at the time the absence or leave commenced by the member's annual compensation for the member's last full year of service prior to the commencement of the absence or leave, or, if the member has not had a full year of service, the compensation the member would have received for the year the absence or leave commenced had the member continued in service for a full year;

(2) Interest compounded annually, at a rate determined by the board, on the amount determined under division (E)(1) of this section for the period commencing two years following the last day of the year in which the absence or leave terminated and ending on the date of payment;

(3) Interest compounded annually, at a rate determined by the board, on an amount equal to the employer's contribution required by this division for the period commencing two years following the last day of the year in which

the absence or leave terminated and ending on the date of payment.

The employer shall pay to the system for each year of credit purchased under this division an amount determined by multiplying the employer contribution rate in effect at the time the absence or leave commenced by the member's annual compensation for the member's last full year of service prior to the commencement of the absence or leave, or, if the member has not had a full year of service, the compensation the member would have received for the year the absence or leave commenced had the member continued in service for a full year.

(F) A member who chooses to purchase service credit under division (D) or (E) of this section may choose to purchase only part of the credit for which the member is eligible in any one payment, but payments made more than two years following the last day of the year in which the absence or leave terminated shall be made in accordance with division (E) of this section.

(G) The state teachers retirement board may adopt rules to implement this section.

Sec. 3309.47. Each school employees retirement system contributor shall contribute eight per cent of the contributor's compensation to the employees' savings fund, except that the school employees retirement board may raise the contribution rate to a rate not greater than ten per cent of compensation.

The contributions required under this section shall not be paid by an employer on a contributor's behalf, but may be treated as employer contributions for purposes of state and federal income tax deferred income provisions.

The contributions by the direction of the school employees retirement board shall be deducted by the employer from the compensation of each contributor on each payroll of such contributor for each payroll period and shall be an amount equal to the required per cent of such contributor's compensation. On a finding by the board that an employer has failed or refused to deduct contributions for any employee during any year and to transmit such amounts to the retirement system, the retirement board may make a determination of the amount of the delinquent contributions, including interest at a rate set by the retirement board, from the end of each year, and certify to the employer the amounts for collection. If the amount is not paid by the employer, it may be certified for collection in the same manner as payments due the employers' trust fund. Any amounts so collected shall be held in trust pending receipt of a report of contributions for the employee for the period involved as provided by law and, thereafter,