

Sec. 5505.16. (A) A member of the state highway patrol retirement system who has been in the service of the state highway patrol for a period of twenty-five years as an employee according to the rules adopted by the state highway patrol retirement board may make application for a pension which, if he THE MEMBER is under age forty-eight, shall be deferred until he attains age forty-eight.

(B) A member of the retirement system who has been in the service of the highway patrol for a period of twenty years as an employee according to the rules adopted by the retirement board, may make application for a pension which, if he THE MEMBER is under age fifty-two, shall be deferred until he attains age fifty-two, except that any such member who has attained twenty years of service may, on or after the date he attains ATTAINING age forty-eight but before the date he attains ATTAINING age fifty-two, elect to receive a reduced pension OF THE GREATER OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR AN AMOUNT COMPUTED as follows:

Attained Age	Reduced Pension
48	75% of normal service pension
49	80% of normal service pension
50	86% of normal service pension
51	93% of normal service pension

In the case of a member who elects to receive a reduced pension on or after the date he attains ATTAINING AGE forty-eight years of age but before the date he attains ATTAINING AGE forty-nine years of age, the reduced pension is payable from the LATER OF THE date he attained THE MEMBER ATTAINS AGE forty-eight years of age or from the date he THE MEMBER becomes eligible to receive the reduced pension, whichever is later. In the case of a member who elects to receive a reduced pension on or after the date he attains ATTAINING AGE forty-nine years of age but before the date he attains ATTAINING AGE fifty years of age, the reduced pension is payable from the LATER OF THE date he attained THE MEMBER ATTAINS AGE forty-nine years of age or from the date he THE MEMBER becomes eligible to receive the reduced pension, whichever is later. In the case of a member who elects to receive a reduced pension on or after the date he attains ATTAINING AGE fifty years of age but before the date he attains ATTAINING AGE fifty-one years of age, the reduced pension is payable from the LATER OF THE date he attained THE MEMBER ATTAINS AGE fifty years of age or from the date he THE MEMBER becomes eligible to receive the reduced pension, whichever is later. In the case of a member who elects to receive a reduced pension on or after the date he attains ATTAINING AGE fifty-one years of age but before the date he attains ATTAINING AGE fifty-two years of age, the reduced pension is payable from the LATER OF THE date he attained THE MEMBER ATTAINS AGE fifty-one years of age or from the date he THE MEMBER becomes eligible to receive the reduced pension, whichever is later.

Once a member elects WHO HAS ELECTED to receive a reduced pension in accordance with the schedule provided in this division and has received a payment in connection therewith, he may not change his THE election.

(C) Any member who attains the age of fifty-five years and has been in the service of the patrol for a period of twenty years as a uniformed patrol officer according to the rules adopted by the board, shall file application for retirement with the board, and if he THE MEMBER refuses or neglects to do so, the board may deem his THE MEMBER'S application to have been filed on his THE MEMBER'S fifty-fifth birthday. The member may, upon written application approved by the superintendent of the state highway patrol, be continued in service after attaining the age of fifty-five years, but only until the member has accumulated twenty years of service.

(D)(1) As used in this division, "armed forces" of the United States includes both:

(a) Army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, auxiliary corps as established by congress, army nurse corps, navy nurse corps, red cross nurse serving with the army, navy, air force, or hospital service of the United States, full-time service with the American red cross in a combat zone, and such other service as is designated by the congress as included therein;

(b) Personnel of the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, and the reserve components of the armed forces enumerated in division (A)(1) of this section who are called to active duty pursuant to an executive order issued by the president of the United States or an act of congress.

(2) A member's total service credit may include periods not to exceed a total of seven years, while his employment with the state highway patrol is or was interrupted due to service rendered by him in the armed forces of the United States. Such military service shall be credited to him THE MEMBER towards total service as provided by this chapter and to the extent approved by the board, provided that:

(a) He THE MEMBER is or was honorably discharged from such armed forces;

(b) He THE MEMBER is or was reemployed by the state highway patrol within ninety days immediately following termination of such armed service;

(c) He THE MEMBER pays into the retirement system to his THE MEMBER'S credit in the employees' savings fund an amount equal to the total contributions he THE MEMBER would have paid had his state highway patrol employment not been so interrupted. Such repayment shall begin within ninety days after his THE MEMBER'S return to duty with the state highway patrol and must be completed within a period of time equal to that of the inclusive dates of his military service.

(3) A member of the system is ineligible for service credit under division (D)(2) of this section for any year of military service used in the calculation of any retirement benefit currently being paid or payable in the future under any other retirement program except social security. At the time the credit is purchased the member shall certify on a form furnished by the retirement board that he THE MEMBER does and will conform to this requirement. Any benefit paid under this section to which the member is not entitled shall be recovered by any recovery procedures available under this chapter.

(4) Credit purchased by a member under division (D)(2) of this section shall be used to determine the member's eligibility for retirement under this section and section 5505.17 of the Revised Code.

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SECTION 3. Notwithstanding sections 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code and any other section of the Revised Code, the Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System shall furnish to William M. Mercer, Inc., the authorized agent of the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Ohio's Public Retirement Plans established by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 121st General Assembly, any records, including but not limited to any medical reports or information or statements of earnings obtained by the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund pursuant to section 742.3720 of the Revised Code or any similar reports, information, or statements obtained by the board of any other system or fund, that are identified in a subpoena issued in accordance with section 101.41 of the Revised Code by the Joint Legislative Committee. If any members of the Joint Legislative Committee themselves intend actually to review any records or copies of records furnished by any retirement system or fund, the Joint Legislative Committee shall have its authorized agent delete from these records or copies of records any personally identifiable information prior to review by the Committee members. If the Joint Legislative Committee believes on the basis of information provided by its authorized agent that there is cause, the Committee may also instruct its authorized agent to provide to any governmental entity that has subpoena power any records furnished by a system or fund to the Committee and nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Committee from instructing its authorized agent to provide these records. The Joint Legislative Committee and its authorized agent shall preserve the confidentiality of any information in a record that is considered to be confidential or privileged as provided in section 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code, and the records shall not be open to public inspection.

Records and copies of records furnished under this section to the Joint Legislative Committee shall be returned by the Joint Legislative Committee to the retirement system from which the records or copies were obtained immediately on completion of their use by the Joint Legislative Committee or its authorized agent.

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