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Sec. 742.221. A member of the police and firemen's disability and pension fund who, during the period of employment as a member of the A police or fire department of a municipal corporation or a township fire department, is removed from active pay status due to pregnancy or a medical disability leave not exceeding one year for each such leave, shall, in computing years of active service in such department under division (C) of section 742.37 of the Revised Code, be given full credit for time for which contributions were not made during such leave of absence if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The leave was approved by the member's employing authority.

(B) During the period of the leave the member was not entitled to receive disability benefits from the funds.

(C) The member pays into the fund an amount equal to the employee contributions that would have been deducted from the base pay had the member remained on active pay status, plus interest compounded annually from the date the leave commenced to the date of payment. The rate of interest shall be determined by the board of the police and firemen's disability and pension fund.

SECTION 5. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that there are persons who would be eligible to retire under the Public Employees, School Employees, or State Teachers Retirement System as soon as the purchase of service

credit the act authorizes becomes effective. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

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