

Sec. 742.221. A member of the Ohio police and fire pension fund who, during the period of employment as a member of a police or fire department, is removed from active pay status due to pregnancy or a medical disability leave not exceeding one year for each such leave; and who is not a participant in the deferred retirement option plan established under section 742.43 of the Revised Code shall, in computing years of active service in such department under division (C) of section 742.37 or section 742.39 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 fund.

(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 trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund.