

Sec. 742.379. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "STATE OR MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM" MEANS THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

A member of the fund who is in the active service of the police or fire department of a municipal corporation, or in the active service of the fire department of a township, and is not receiving a pension or benefit payment from the police and firemen's disability and pension fund 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 service as a full-time deputy sheriff, sheriff, or full-time township policeman, policewoman, or township park policeman CREDIT EARNED AS A MEMBER OF A STATE OR MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM if all of the following occur:

(A) The member has accumulated at least fifteen years service credit in the police and firemen's disability pension fund;

(B) The member was enrolled in the public employees retirement system, contributed thereto, and has withdrawn his retirement contributions;

(C) The, FOR EACH YEAR OF SUCH SERVICE CREDIT EARNED, THE member pays into the police and firemen's disability and pension fund the amount withdrawn by him from the public employees STATE OR MUNICIPAL retirement system for his service as a full-time deputy sheriff, sheriff, or full-time township policeman, policewoman, or township park policeman THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT EARNED, with interest compounded annually thereon at a rate to be determined by the board from the date of such withdrawal to the date of payment. The member may choose to purchase only part of such THE credit FOR WHICH HE IS ELIGIBLE in any one payment, subject to board rules. When such an election is made, the public employees STATE OR MUNICIPAL retirement system shall certify to the police and firemen's disability and pension fund a copy of the records of the service and contributions of such THE member and shall transfer to the police and firemen's disability and pension fund an amount equal to the total employer contribution paid on service as a full-time deputy sheriff, sheriff, or full-time township policeman, policewoman, or township park policeman and the interest thereon at the rates in effect during such employment, as set forth in section 145.01 of the Revised Code.

Purchase of such credit in the police and firemen's disability and pension fund shall forever bar the member from reinstating such credit in the public employees retirement system.

As used in this section, "deputy sheriff" means any person who is commissioned and employed full-time as a peace officer by the sheriff of any county and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of Ohio.

A MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR SERVICE THAT IS USED IN THE CALCULATION OF ANY RETIREMENT BENEFIT CURRENTLY BEING PAID OR PAYABLE IN THE FUTURE TO THE MEMBER.

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