



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3309.731 Transferred service credit from uniform retirement system.

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(A) As used in this section, "transferred service credit" means service credit purchased or obtained under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code prior to the date a member commenced the employment covered by the school employees retirement system for which the member is currently contributing to the system.

(B) A member of the school employees retirement system who has contributions on deposit with, but is no longer contributing to, a uniform retirement system shall, in computing years of service, be given full credit for transferred service credit if a transfer to the school employees retirement system is made under this section. At the request of a member, the uniform system shall transfer to the school employees retirement system the sum of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the amounts transferred to the uniform system under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code;

(2) Interest, determined as provided in division (E) of this section, on the amount specified in division (B)(1) of this section for the period from the last day of the year in which the transfer under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code was made to the date a transfer is made under this section.

(C) A member of the school employees retirement system with at least eighteen months of contributing service credit with the school employees retirement system who has received a refund of contributions to a uniform retirement system shall, in computing years of service, be given full credit for transferred service credit if, for each year of service, the school employees retirement system receives the sum of the following:

(1) An amount, which shall be paid by the member, equal to the amount refunded by the uniform system to the member for that year for transferred service credit, with interest on that amount from the date of the refund to the date a payment is made under this section;



(2) Interest, which shall be transferred by the uniform system, on the amount refunded to the member for the period from the last day of the year in which the transfer under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code was made to the date the refund was made;

(3) If the uniform system retained any portion of the amount transferred under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code, an amount, which shall be transferred by the uniform system, equal to the amount retained, with interest on that amount for the period from the last day of the year in which the transfer under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code was made to the date a transfer is made under this section.

On receipt of payment from the member, the school employees retirement system shall notify the uniform system, which, on receipt of the notice, shall make the transfer required by this division. Interest shall be determined as provided in division (E) of this section.

(D) Service credit purchased or obtained under this section shall be considered the equivalent of Ohio service credit. A member may choose to purchase only part of the credit the member is eligible to purchase under division (C) of this section in any one payment, subject to rules adopted by the school employees retirement board. A member is ineligible to purchase or obtain service credit under this section for service to be used in the calculation of any retirement benefit currently being paid or payable to the member in the future under any other retirement program or for service credit that may be purchased or obtained under section 3309.73 of the Revised Code.

(E) Interest charged under this section shall be calculated separately for each year of service credit at the lesser of the actuarial assumption rate for that year of the school employees retirement system or of the uniform retirement system to which the credit was transferred under section 742.21, 742.214, 742.375, 5505.201, 5505.40, or 5505.41 of the Revised Code. The interest shall be compounded annually.

(F) Any amounts transferred or paid under divisions (B) and (C) of this section that are attributable to contributions made by the member or to amounts paid to purchase service credit shall be credited



to the employees' savings fund created under section 3309.47 of the Revised Code. Any remaining amounts shall be credited to one or more of the funds created under that section as determined by the board.

(G) At the request of the school employees retirement system, the uniform retirement system shall certify to the school employees retirement system a copy of the records of the service and contributions of a school employees retirement system member who seeks service credit under this section. The uniform retirement system shall specify the portions of the amounts transferred that are attributable to employee contributions, employer contributions, and interest.

(H) If a member of the school employees retirement system who is not a current contributor elects to receive service credit under section 742.214 or 5505.41 of the Revised Code for transferred service credit, as defined in those sections, the system shall transfer to the uniform retirement system, as applicable, the amount specified in division (B) or (C) of section 742.214 or division (B) or (C) of section 5505.41 of the Revised Code.

(I) The board may adopt rules to implement this section.