

**STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 240 of 1943**

**38.17h Full-time service as employee with city, county, township, or village of this state; purchase of service credit.**

Sec. 17h. (1) A member may elect to purchase service credit for not more than 5 years of full-time service as an employee with a city, county, township, or village of this state, upon request and presentation of documentation of the employment rendered which is verifiable from official employment records, which may be substantiated by federal wage statements, or other acceptable documentation as determined by the retirement board, and upon payment to the board of an amount which is equal to the actuarial cost multiplied by the member's full-time or equated full-time fiscal year compensation for the fiscal year in which payment is made multiplied by each year and fraction of a year of service to be purchased, up to the maximum. For the purpose of computing payment under this subsection, the compensation amount used shall not be less than the highest full-time or equated full-time fiscal year compensation previously received by the member as a member of the system.

(2) Service credit purchased under this section shall not be used to satisfy the minimum number of years of service credit required to receive a retirement allowance under this act.

(3) Service credit purchased under this section shall not be creditable toward retirement under this act if the member is or was eligible to receive a pension or annuity for the same service from another retirement system.

(4) If a member who made payment under this section dies and a retirement allowance is not payable or if the member leaves service with the state before his or her retirement allowance becomes effective, the payment made by the member shall be refunded upon request to the member, to the person designated by the member in writing to the board, or if a person is not designated, then to the member's legal representative.

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