

added to Article 73B to be known as sections 1 to 14, inclusive, and to read as follows:

ARTICLE 73B—PENSIONS

1. *Definitions.* The following words and phrases as used in this Article, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Retirement system" shall mean the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland as defined in Section 2 of this Article.

(2) "Department" shall mean any agency of the State Government receiving State appropriations and employing persons who are, or who are entitled to become, members of the retirement system.

(3) "Employee" shall mean any regular classified or unclassified officer or employee of the State for whom compensation is provided for by State appropriation, or whose compensation is paid from State funds. The term "employee" shall include any appointed or elected employee of the State, and any clerk of court and register of wills, and shall include the sheriff of Baltimore City and the employees of his office. It shall exclude any person who is a member of or eligible to membership in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the State Police Pension Fund or the Judges Retirement System and any class of employees whose compensation is only partly paid by the State or who are serving on a temporary or other than per annum basis. In all cases of doubt, the Board of Trustees, provided for in Section 6 of this Article, shall determine whether any person is an employee as defined in this Article, irrespective of the method of payment.

(4) "Member" shall mean any employee included in the membership of the retirement system as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

(5) "Board of Trustees" shall mean the board provided for in Section 6 of this Article to administer the retirement system.

(6) "Medical Board" shall mean the board of physicians provided for in Section 6 of this Article.

(7) "Service" shall mean service as employee paid for by the State.

(8) "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system for which credit is allowable under Section 4 of this Article.

(9) "Membership service" shall mean service as an employee rendered while a member of the retirement system.

(10) "Creditable service" shall mean prior service plus membership service for which credit is allowable as provided in Section 4 of this Article.