38.1343h Service credit; enrollment for certain employees of community or junior college reporting unit; requirements; forfeit of claim; assessment and payment of supplemental employer contributions.

Sec. 43h. (1) An individual who was first employed by a reporting unit that is a tax supported community college or junior college before July 1, 2014, and who did not previously have that service reported by a reporting unit on his or her behalf, may claim and thereafter be credited with the service only if all of the following apply:
   (a) The individual is described in section 5(1)(p).
   (b) The individual files a written application with the retirement board after January 1, 2019 but not later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 31, 2020 in a method determined by the retirement system. A written application submitted by an individual under this subdivision is irrevocable.
   (c) The individual fulfills the terms of any billing statement issued by the retirement system that corresponds with the amount the individual would have contributed according to the schedule governing contributions in effect at the time of that service, plus regular interest on the contributions. The retirement system may determine the time and manner of payment of the total amount under this subdivision.

(2) An individual who satisfies the conditions of subsection (1) must have service credited in an amount commensurate with the contributions remitted under subsection (1) in a time and manner as determined by the retirement system.

(3) An individual described in section 5(1)(p) who was first employed by a reporting unit that is a tax supported community or junior college before July 1, 2014 and who does not satisfy the conditions of subsection (1) shall forfeit any claim to receive credit for that service unless the individual can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that a reasonable person in the same circumstance as the individual would not have adequate notice of the application deadline under subsection (1)(b).

(4) Subject to section 43i, the retirement system shall determine and assess a supplemental employer contribution for each reporting unit that is a tax supported community or junior college that corresponds with service claimed under subsection (1).

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on payment by a reporting unit of the contributions assessed under subsection (4), a reporting unit's financial obligation for service claimed under subsection (1) is considered satisfied in full. If any service is thereafter claimed on the basis of lack of adequate notice under subsection (3), the reporting unit shall pay the contributions assessed in a time and manner as determined by the retirement system.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, service otherwise creditable under this section that is not claimed in the manner provided under this section is considered not reportable.


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