38.1634 Leaving service or reducing hours of employment for purposes of maternity or paternity or child rearing; purchase of service credit; eligibility exception.

Sec. 34. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a member who left or leaves service as an employee of the department of state police for purposes of maternity or paternity or child rearing, and returns to service as an employee of the department of state police, without other intervening employment of more than 20 hours per week for each week for which service credit is claimed, may purchase service credit for the time period or periods during which the individual was separated from service as an employee of the department of state police on request and payment to the board of an amount determined by the board to be the actuarial cost. The total service credited under this section must not exceed 2 years. A member requesting purchase of service credit under this section shall certify to the board the purpose for which the member took leave and was separated from service as an employee of the department of state police.

(2) Service credit purchased under this section may not be used to satisfy the minimum of 10 years of service credit required to receive a retirement allowance under this act.

(3) If a member who made payment under this section dies and a retirement allowance beneficiary has not been designated, or if the member leaves employment before his or her retirement becomes effective, the payment made by the member must be refunded on request to the member or to the member's legal representative.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a member who reduces hours of employment with the department of state police for purposes of maternity, paternity, or child rearing may purchase service credit for those hours by which employment was reduced if all other requirements of this section are met.

(5) A member who first became a member on or after June 10, 2012 is not eligible to purchase service under this section.