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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: Yes State & Local
Government

Appropriations

SENATE: No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 305, *approved January 13, 2020*

Senate, No. 1966

1 AN ACT concerning the death benefit of a member in active service
2 of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System and State Police
3 Retirement System, and amending and supplementing P.L.1944,
4 c.255 and P.L.1965, c.89.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 9 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 9. (1) Upon the receipt of proper proof of the death of a
12 member in active service on account of which no accidental death
13 benefit is payable under section 10 there shall be paid to such
14 member's widow or widower a pension of 50% of final
15 compensation for the use of himself or herself and children of the
16 deceased member, to continue during his or her widowhood; if there
17 is no surviving widow or widower or in the case the widow or
18 widower dies or remarries, **[20%]** 50% of final compensation
19 **[will]** shall be payable to one surviving child **[, 35% of final**
20 **compensation to two surviving children in equal shares and]** or, if
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22 compensation **[will]** shall be payable to such children in equal
23 shares.

24 In the event of death occurring in the first year of creditable
25 service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection, shall be
26 computed at the annual rate of compensation.

27 If there is no widow or widower or child, 25% of final
28 compensation will be payable to one surviving parent or 40% of
29 final compensation will be payable to two surviving parents in
30 equal shares.

31 (2) If there is no widow or widower, child or parent, there shall
32 be paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased member his or her
33 aggregate contributions at the time of death.

34 (3) In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection (1)
35 be less than that provided under subsection (2).

36 (4) In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under
37 subsection (1) or (2), there shall also be paid in one sum to the
38 member's beneficiary, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times final
39 compensation.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (5) a. For the purposes of this section and **section 10 (5)**
2 paragraph (5) of section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10), a
3 member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System shall be
4 deemed to be an active member for a period of no more than 93
5 days while on official leave of absence without pay when such
6 leave is due to any reason other than illness, and for a period of not
7 more than one year in the event of an official leave (a) due to the
8 member's maternity, or (b) to fulfill a residency requirement for an
9 advanced degree, or (c) as a full-time student at an institution of
10 higher education, and (1) while he is disabled due to sickness or
11 injury arising out of or in the course of his employment as a
12 member to whom this act applies, is not engaged in any gainful
13 occupation, and is receiving or entitled to receive periodic benefits
14 (including any commutation of, or substitute for, such benefits) for
15 loss of time on account of such disability under or by reason of
16 workmen's compensation law, occupational disease law or similar
17 legislation and has not retired or terminated his membership; or (2)
18 for a period of no more than two years while on official leave of
19 absence without pay if satisfactory evidence is presented to the
20 retirement system that such leave of absence without pay is due to
21 the member's personal illness other than an illness to which (1)
22 above applies.

23 b. If a member dies within 30 days after the date of retirement
24 or the date of board approval, whichever is later, a death benefit
25 shall be payable only if he is deemed to be an active member in
26 accordance with this section; provided, however, a member
27 applying for disability benefits shall be deemed an active member if
28 he was covered by the death benefit provisions of the act at the
29 termination of employment, filed the application for disability
30 retirement with the retirement system within 30 days following such
31 termination of employment and dies within 30 days after the date of
32 retirement or the date of board approval, whichever is later. If a
33 member files an application for disability retirement while in
34 service and otherwise meets the requirements for disability
35 retirement, but dies before the retirement takes effect, the retirement
36 shall be considered effective.

37 (cf: P.L.1999, c.428, s.5)

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39 2. Section 12 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-12) is amended to
40 read as follows:

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42 service of a member of the retirement system on account of which
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45 use of that spouse and children of the deceased, to continue for so
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47 purposes of this act; if there is no surviving spouse or in case the
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15 contributions at the time of death.

16 c. In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection a.
17 be less than that provided under subsection b.

18 d. In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under
19 subsection a. or b., there shall also be paid in one sum to the
20 member's beneficiary, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times final
21 compensation.

22 e. (Deleted by amendment. P.L. 1971, c. 181.)

23 f. (Deleted by amendment. P.L. 1971, c. 181.)

24 (cf: P.L.1985, c.355, s.2)

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26 3. (New section) The adjustment in the benefit to a surviving
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28 P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9) by P.L. , c. (pending before the
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45 shares.

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SENATE, No. 1966

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Senator TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman ADAM J. TALIAFERRO

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Madden

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2019)

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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1966

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1966.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1966

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1966.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4182, as also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill would increase annual State and local expenditures by increasing the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the PFRS and the SPRS who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year.

Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of the 20 beneficiaries who are

only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085.

Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of this bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1966

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1966.

This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or children of a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or State Police Retirement System (SPRS), when the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1966

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 2018

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1966.

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The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes this bill would increase the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the PFRS and the SPRS who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year.

Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of 20 beneficiaries who are only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085.

Using this information, the OLS estimates that the payment of 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 1966
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 13, 2018

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund and local government funds.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits, Department of the Treasury, local government entities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost		Indeterminate	
Local Cost		Indeterminate	

- This bill would increase the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) and the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year.
- Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of 20 beneficiaries who are only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085.
- Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of the bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or children of a member of the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) or State Police Retirement System (SPRS),



when the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

Under current law, if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, then the member's widow or widower receives a pension of 50 percent of the member's final compensation. If there is no widow or widower or if the widow or widower dies, 20 percent of that compensation is paid annually to one surviving child, 35 percent to two surviving children in equal shares, and 50 percent to three or more children in equal shares. The bill amends current law to provide that if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service, no accidental death benefit is payable, and there is no surviving spouse, then 50 percent of the deceased member's final compensation is to be paid to the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal shares.

The bill provides for the change in the percentage of the benefit paid to a surviving child or children under PFRS and SPRS to apply to benefits initially granted on or after January 1, 2017. The bill provides for the increase in the percentage of the benefit to be paid prospectively. The bill prohibits retroactive payments from being made.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

This bill would increase the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the PFRS and the SPRS who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year. Experience studies indicate that ordinary death rates for active members are less than one tenth of one percent of active members on the force. Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of 20 beneficiaries who are only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085. Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of the bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child. According to the revised 2017 actuarial valuations and the most recent experience studies for the PFRS and the SPRS, the number of all beneficiaries who are receiving active members' death benefits is 666 for the PFRS and 57 for the SPRS, for a total of 723. Of the 723 beneficiaries who are receiving active death benefit allowances, 54 are children between the ages of less than one year old up to 18 years of age. Approximately 20 are only children.

Section: State Government

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 4182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 14, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ADAM J. TALIAFERRO

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

SYNOPSIS

Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A4182 TALIAFERRO

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1 AN ACT concerning the death benefit of a member in active service
2 of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System and State Police
3 Retirement System, and amending and supplementing P.L.1944,
4 c.255 and P.L.1965, c.89.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 9 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 9. (1) Upon the receipt of proper proof of the death of a
12 member in active service on account of which no accidental death
13 benefit is payable under section 10 there shall be paid to such
14 member's widow or widower a pension of 50% of final
15 compensation for the use of himself or herself and children of the
16 deceased member, to continue during his or her widowhood; if there
17 is no surviving widow or widower or in the case the widow or
18 widower dies or remarries, **[20%]** 50% of final compensation
19 **[will]** shall be payable to one surviving child **[, 35% of final**
20 **compensation to two surviving children in equal shares and]** or, if
21 there **[be three]** are two or more children, 50% of final
22 compensation **[will]** shall be payable to such children in equal
23 shares.

24 In the event of death occurring in the first year of creditable
25 service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection, shall be
26 computed at the annual rate of compensation.

27 If there is no widow or widower or child, 25% of final
28 compensation will be payable to one surviving parent or 40% of
29 final compensation will be payable to two surviving parents in
30 equal shares.

31 (2) If there is no widow or widower, child or parent, there shall
32 be paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased member his or her
33 aggregate contributions at the time of death.

34 (3) In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection (1)
35 be less than that provided under subsection (2).

36 (4) In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under
37 subsection (1) or (2), there shall also be paid in one sum to the
38 member's beneficiary, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times final
39 compensation.

40 (5) a. For the purposes of this section and **[section 10 (5)]**
41 paragraph (5) of section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10), a
42 member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System shall be
43 deemed to be an active member for a period of no more than 93
44 days while on official leave of absence without pay when such
45 leave is due to any reason other than illness, and for a period of not

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 more than one year in the event of an official leave (a) due to the
2 member's maternity, or (b) to fulfill a residency requirement for an
3 advanced degree, or (c) as a full-time student at an institution of
4 higher education, and (1) while he is disabled due to sickness or
5 injury arising out of or in the course of his employment as a
6 member to whom this act applies, is not engaged in any gainful
7 occupation, and is receiving or entitled to receive periodic benefits
8 (including any commutation of, or substitute for, such benefits) for
9 loss of time on account of such disability under or by reason of
10 workmen's compensation law, occupational disease law or similar
11 legislation and has not retired or terminated his membership; or (2)
12 for a period of no more than two years while on official leave of
13 absence without pay if satisfactory evidence is presented to the
14 retirement system that such leave of absence without pay is due to
15 the member's personal illness other than an illness to which (1)
16 above applies.

17 b. If a member dies within 30 days after the date of retirement
18 or the date of board approval, whichever is later, a death benefit
19 shall be payable only if he is deemed to be an active member in
20 accordance with this section; provided, however, a member
21 applying for disability benefits shall be deemed an active member if
22 he was covered by the death benefit provisions of the act at the
23 termination of employment, filed the application for disability
24 retirement with the retirement system within 30 days following such
25 termination of employment and dies within 30 days after the date of
26 retirement or the date of board approval, whichever is later. If a
27 member files an application for disability retirement while in
28 service and otherwise meets the requirements for disability
29 retirement, but dies before the retirement takes effect, the retirement
30 shall be considered effective.

31 (cf: P.L.1999, c.428, s.5)

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33 2. Section 12 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-12) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 12. a. Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death in active
36 service of a member of the retirement system on account of which
37 no accidental death benefit is payable, there shall be paid to the
38 surviving spouse a pension of 50% of final compensation for the
39 use of that spouse and children of the deceased, to continue for so
40 long as the person qualifies as a "surviving spouse" for the
41 purposes of this act; if there is no surviving spouse or in case the
42 spouse dies or remarries, **【20%】** 50% of final compensation **【will】**
43 shall be payable to one surviving child **【,** 35% of final
44 compensation to two surviving children in equal shares and **】** or, if
45 there **【be three】** are two or more children, 50% of final
46 compensation **【will】** shall be payable to such children in equal
47 shares.

1 In the event of death occurring in the first year of creditable
2 service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection, shall be
3 computed at the annual rate of compensation.

4 If there is no surviving spouse or child, 25% of final
5 compensation will be payable to one surviving parent or 40% of
6 final compensation will be payable to two surviving parents in
7 equal shares.

8 b. If there is no surviving spouse, child or parent, there shall be
9 paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased member his aggregate
10 contributions at the time of death.

11 c. In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection a.
12 be less than that provided under subsection b.

13 d. In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under
14 subsection a. or b., there shall also be paid in one sum to the
15 member's beneficiary, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times final
16 compensation.

17 e. (Deleted by amendment. P.L. 1971, c. 181.)

18 f. (Deleted by amendment. P.L. 1971, c. 181.)

19 (cf: P.L.1985, c.355, s.2)

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21 3. (New section) The adjustment in the benefit to a surviving
22 child or children made pursuant to the amendment of section 9 of
23 P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9) by P.L. , c. (pending before the
24 Legislature as this bill) shall apply to a benefit entitlement initially
25 granted on or after January 1, 2017, and, if granted on or after that
26 date but before the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
27 Legislature as this bill), still in effect on that effective date. The
28 adjustment in the benefit to a surviving child or children pursuant to
29 the amendment of section 9 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9) by
30 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall apply
31 only for benefit payments made after the effective date of
32 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill). No
33 surviving child of a deceased member of the retirement system shall
34 be granted a retroactive payment based upon the difference between
35 the benefit the person would have received if the adjustment made
36 pursuant to the amendment of section 9 of P.L.1944, c.255
37 (C.43:16A-9) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this
38 bill) had been applicable at the date of entitlement and the benefit
39 that the surviving child has received from the date of entitlement to
40 the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
41 this bill).

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43 4. (New section) The adjustment in the benefit to a surviving
44 child or children made pursuant to the amendment of section 12 of
45 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-12) by P.L. , c. (pending before the
46 Legislature as this bill) shall apply to a benefit entitlement initially
47 granted on or after January 1, 2017, and, if granted on or after that
48 date but before the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the

1 Legislature as this bill), still in effect on that effective date. The
2 adjustment in the benefit to a surviving child or children pursuant to
3 the amendment of section 12 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-12) by
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8 be granted a retroactive payment based upon the difference between
9 the benefit the person would have received if the adjustment made
10 pursuant to the amendment of section 12 of P.L.1965, c.89
11 (C.53:5A-12) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this
12 bill) had been applicable at the date of entitlement and the benefit
13 that the surviving child has received from the date of entitlement to
14 the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
15 this bill).

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17 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or
23 children of a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement
24 System (PFRS) or State Police Retirement System (SPRS), when
25 the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is
26 payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

27 Under current law, if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active
28 service and no accidental death benefit is payable, then the
29 member's widow or widower receives a pension of 50 percent of
30 the member's final compensation. If there is no widow or widower
31 or if the widow or widower dies, 20 percent of that compensation is
32 paid annually to one surviving child, 35 percent to two surviving
33 children in equal shares, and 50 percent to three or more children in
34 equal shares. The bill amends current law to provide that if a
35 member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service, no accidental
36 death benefit is payable, and there is no surviving spouse, then 50
37 percent of the deceased member's final compensation is to be paid
38 to the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal
39 shares.

40 The bill provides for the change in the percentage of the benefit
41 paid to a surviving child or children under PFRS and SPRS to apply
42 to benefits initially granted on or after January 1, 2017. The bill
43 provides for the increase in the percentage of the benefit to be paid
44 prospectively. The bill prohibits retroactive payments from being
45 made.

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4182.

This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or children of a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or State Police Retirement System (SPRS), when the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

Under current law, if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, then the member's widow or widower receives a pension of 50 percent of the member's final compensation. If there is no widow or widower or if the widow or widower dies, 20 percent of that compensation is paid annually to one surviving child, 35 percent to two surviving children in equal shares, and 50 percent to three or more children in equal shares. The bill amends current law to provide that if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service, no accidental death benefit is payable, and there is no surviving spouse, then 50 percent of the deceased member's final compensation is to be paid to the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal shares.

The bill provides for the change in the percentage of the benefit paid to a surviving child or children under PFRS and SPRS to apply to benefits initially granted on or after January 1, 2017. The bill provides for the increase in the percentage of the benefit to be paid prospectively. The bill prohibits retroactive payments from being made.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4182.

This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or children of a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or State Police Retirement System (SPRS), when the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

Under current law, if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, then the member's widow or widower receives a pension of 50 percent of the member's final compensation. If there is no widow or widower or if the widow or widower dies, 20 percent of that compensation is paid annually to one surviving child, 35 percent to two surviving children in equal shares, and 50 percent to three or more children in equal shares. The bill amends current law to provide that if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service, no accidental death benefit is payable, and there is no surviving spouse, then 50 percent of the deceased member's final compensation is to be paid to the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal shares.

The bill provides for the change in the percentage of the benefit paid to a surviving child or children under PFRS and SPRS to apply to benefits initially granted on or after January 1, 2017. The bill provides for the increase in the percentage of the benefit to be paid prospectively. The bill prohibits retroactive payments from being made.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1966, as also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill would increase annual State and local expenditures by increasing the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the PFRS and the SPRS who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year.

Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of the 20 beneficiaries who are

only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085.

Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of this bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4182
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.
- Type of Impact:** Annual expenditure increase to the State General Fund and local governments.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits, Department of the Treasury, local government entities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Local Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimated that this bill would increase annual state and local expenditures by increasing the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) and the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year.
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- Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of the bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill increases the benefit payable to the surviving child or children of a member of the PFRS or the SPRS, when the member dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, to 50 percent of final compensation.

Under current law, if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service and no accidental death benefit is payable, then the member's widow or widower receives a pension of 50 percent of the member's final compensation. If there is no widow or widower or if the widow or widower dies, 20 percent of that compensation is paid annually to one surviving child, 35 percent to two surviving children in equal shares, and 50 percent to three or more children in equal shares. The bill amends current law to provide that if a member of PFRS or SPRS dies in active service, no accidental death benefit is payable, and there is no surviving spouse, then 50 percent of the deceased member's final compensation is to be paid to the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal shares.

The bill provides for the change in the percentage of the benefit paid to a surviving child or children under PFRS and SPRS to apply to benefits initially granted on or after January 1, 2017. The bill provides for the increase in the percentage of the benefit to be paid prospectively. The bill prohibits retroactive payments from being made.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that this bill would increase annual State and local expenditures by increasing the pension benefit paid to a surviving child, when there is no surviving spouse, of a member of the PFRS and the SPRS who dies in active service. The number of future deaths that may occur in a year is indeterminate, but historically the number is between none to two members a year. Experience studies indicate that ordinary death rates for active members are less than one tenth of one percent of active members on the force. Based on current information for the PFRS and the SPRS, the average benefit allowance for each of 20 beneficiaries who are only children is \$18,417 per year, which reflects a final compensation of the deceased pension member of approximately \$92,085. Using this information, the OLS estimates that the provisions of the bill that increase the death benefit to 50 percent of compensation for a surviving child would increase the benefit by 150 percent to \$46,043 per child on average, a difference of \$27,626 per child. According to the revised 2017 actuarial valuations and the most recent experience studies for the PFRS and the SPRS, the number of all beneficiaries who are receiving active members' death benefits is 666 for the PFRS and 57 for the SPRS, for a total of 723. Of the 723 beneficiaries who are receiving active death benefit allowances, 54 are children between the ages of less than one year old up to 18 years of age. Approximately 20 are only children.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/13/2020

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

A268 (Kean, Egan, Holley/Singer, Gopal) - "P.I.C.K. Awareness Act"; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

A790 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker, Mazzeo/Connors, Singleton) - "Combat to College Act"; grants priority course registration to military service members and veterans attending public institutions of higher education.

A791 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Danielsens, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker/Van Drew, Brown) - Requires institution of higher education to award appropriate credit for student's military service.

A1212 (McKeon, Gusciora, Vainieri Huttel/Sweeney, Smith, Bateman, Greenstein) - Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

A1305 (Greenwald/Rice) - Renames Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility as "William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility."

A1576 (Conaway, Giblin/Vitale) - Requires certain health care facilities to provide, and employees to receive, annual influenza vaccination.

A1582 (Conaway, Moriarty, Mosquera, Benson, Pinkin, Giblin, Quijano/Weinberg, Ruiz) - Establishes "Dietetics and Nutrition Licensing Act".

A1991 (Sumter, Munoz, Mukherji/Singer, Gordon) - Requires students at institutions of higher education to receive immunization for meningitis in accordance with recommendations of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

A3101 (Egan Jones, Benson, Land/Singleton) - Increases minimum annual amounts for appropriation for certain arts, historical heritage, and tourism purposes from hotel and motel occupancy fee revenues.

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A3160 (Lampitt, Giblin, Murphy/Beach) - Permits cosmetology and hairstyling school clinics to charge certain fees for services rendered to general public.

A3832 (Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti/Cryan, Stack) - Authorizes municipal tax levy through public question for certain purposes; clarifies ability of local government entities to issue non-recourse bonds; appropriates \$100,000.

A4493 (Pinkin, Conaway, Vainieri Huttel/Vitale) - Authorizes expedited partner therapy, under which sexual partners or patients diagnosed with sexually transmitted disease are treated without prior clinical examination.

A4608 (Zwicker, Downey/Weinberg, Kean) - " Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act."

A4710 (Lampitt, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttel/Beach,Turner) - "Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act"; establishes school district responsibilities in educating gifted and talented students.

A5037 (Pintor Marin, Speight, Vainieri Huttel/Andrzejczak, Greenstein) - Enhances penalties related to counterfeit drugs.

A5091 (McKeon, Vainieri Huttel, Pinkin/Pou, Singleton) - Establishes "Safeguarding Against Financial Exploitation Act."

A5263 (Tully, Armato/Corrado) - Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.

A5277 (DeAngelo, Houghtaling/Greenstein) - Eliminates term limits for members of State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.

A5624 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires that State employee serve as Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action officer for gubernatorial transitions.

A5625 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

A5628 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, McKnight/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires Civil Service Commission establish standardize recordkeeping and retention requirements with regard to unclassified State employees.

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A5631 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Pinkin/Weinberg, Corrado) - Specifies certain requirements for State agency review of complaint of workplace discrimination.

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A5632 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg) - Requires certain public employees receive additional training to manage harassment or discrimination complaints.

A5917 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Cunningham, Weinberg) - Expands DOH oversight of hospital finances.

A6007 (McKeon/Pou) - Requires insurers and insurance groups to submit corporate governance annual disclosure to DOBI Commissioner.

S463 (Singer, Greenstein/Dancer, Calabrese, DeAngelo) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Meals on Wheels.

S538 (Oroho, Stack/Wirths, Vaineri Huttie, Bucco) - Allows long term tax exemption extension for certain low-income housing.

S775 (Cunningham, Sacco/Sumter, Caride, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes Tuition Aid Grant Study Commission to examine New Jersey's Tuition Aid Grant Program and make recommendations regarding improvements to program.

S778 (Cunningham, Kean/Quijano, Jasey, Pintor Marin) - Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

S1493 (Stack, Singleton/Quijano, Chaparro, Timberlake) - Prohibits landlords from requiring residential tenants to pay rent and other related charges through electronic funds transfer; requires landlords to provide receipts for cash payments.

S1508 (Turner, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter, Wimberly) - Eliminates motor vehicle surcharges following retirement of bonds and debts tied to surcharges.

S1834 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Murphy) - Requires each public institution of higher education to post its budget on the institution's website.

S1953 (Oroho, Cruz-Perez/Space, Andrzejcack, Wirths) - Directs Dept. of Agriculture to authorize and advise food hubs.

S1966 (Sweeney, Singleton/Taliaferro) - Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.

S2527 (Ruiz, Turner/Lampitt, Quijano, Timberlake) - Requires Department of Agriculture to promote school meal programs.

S2533 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttie, Lopez, Timberlake) - Requires Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to provide services to certain inmates.

S2898 (Madden, Sarlo/Murphy, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

S2980 (Ruiz/Lampitt, McKnight) - Provides that school district may not condition student enrollment in district on fact that MVC does not have name or address of parent or guardian on file.

S2982 (Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Lopez) - Clarifies that child may not be excluded from public school based on membership in protected category under "Law Against Discrimination" or immigration status.

S2998 (Ruiz/Freiman, Downey) - Requires creditors to make certain disclosures regarding collateral protection insurance to consumer debtors.

S3064 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Conaway, Swain) - Establishes task force to develop State-wide plan to diversify apprenticeships.

S3066 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) - Creates five year High-Growth Industry Regional Apprenticeship Development Grant Pilot Program.

S3118 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) - Establishes public awareness campaign to promote early conversations about advance care planning and end-of-life care.

S3124 (Stack/Mukherji) - Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.

S3206 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, McKeon, Murphy) - Establishes "Unbanked and Underbanked Consumers Study Commission."

S3215 (Greenstein, Singleton/Zwicker, Mukherji, Swain) - Requires State to use 20-year time horizon and most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Report when calculating global warming potential to measure global warming impact of greenhouse gases.

S3246 (Sarlo, Singleton, Oroho, Bucco/Benson, Bucco, Freiman) - Establishes elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax and allows corresponding refundable gross income tax and corporation business tax credit.

S3327 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, Timberlake) - Establishes Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage in DOE.

S3348 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, McKnight) - Requires home health agencies and specialty pharmacies providing services related to bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia to comply with certain minimum practice standards.

S3528 (Scutari, Codey/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Kennedy) - Establishes process to obtain judgement of adoption for civil union partner or spouse of natural or legal parent of child when that person is named as parent on child's birth certificate.

S3574 (Scutari, Kean, Cryan/Carter, Kennedy, Freiman) - Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A2431 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce, Eustace/Weinberg, Kean) – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage.

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A4978 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan) – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances.

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S3920 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

S4139 (Greenstein/Benson) - Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to Rutgers University - New Brunswick for School of Dental Medicine - Special Care Treatment Center.

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