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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 75, *approved May 3, 2021*
Senate, No. 3208 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning accidental death benefits for surviving spouses
2 and surviving children of certain members or retirees of the State
3 Police Retirement System, and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89
4 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.).
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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. a. (1) The surviving spouse or surviving child or children of a
10 retired member of the State Police Retirement System who received an
11 accidental disability retirement allowance in accordance with
12 subsection ¹**[e.] a.**¹ of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10)¹**],** or
13 subsection a. thereof provided that the documentation required
14 pursuant to subsection e. is submitted,¹ shall receive the accidental
15 death benefits as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14)
16 ¹, provided that the retired member died before July 8, 2019 and the
17 surviving spouse, child, or children submit documentation that the
18 member would have qualified for a retirement allowance in
19 accordance with subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89
20 (C.53:5A-10)¹, upon the submission to the board of trustees of proper
21 proofs of the death of that retiree, notwithstanding any other provision
22 of law or regulation to the contrary. Notwithstanding the provision of
23 subsection c. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) or any
24 other provision of law to the contrary, the lump sum benefit of 3 ½
25 times final compensation in subsection e. of section 14 of P.L.1965,
26 c.89 (C.53:5A-14) shall apply.

27 (2) The surviving spouse or surviving child or children, or any
28 legal guardian of the surviving child or children, shall be eligible to
29 receive the accidental death benefits as set forth in section 14 of
30 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14), upon the submission to the board of
31 trustees of proper proofs of the death of the member or retiree,
32 notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation to the
33 contrary, if the spouse, child, children, or guardian submits sufficient
34 documentation that the deceased member or retiree would have
35 qualified for an accidental disability retirement allowance¹**],** or a
36 recalculation of the service retirement allowance or ordinary disability
37 retirement allowance,¹ in accordance with subsection e. of section 10
38 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10)¹**],** provided that the member or retiree
39 filed before death the written and sworn statement required by that
40 subsection e. indicating the dates and locations of service¹. The

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted November 19, 2020.

1 board of trustees shall require the submission of such information as
2 the deceased member or retiree would have been required to submit in
3 accordance with subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89
4 (C.53:5A-10) and such other information as the board of trustees may
5 deem necessary to make a determination. Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law to the contrary, the lump sum benefit of 3 ½ times
7 final compensation in subsection e. of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
8 (C.53:5A-14) shall apply.

9 (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall apply only if the
10 member's or retiree's death was the result of a qualifying condition or
11 impairment of health as defined in subsection e. of section 10 of
12 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) which the medical board determines to be
13 caused by participation in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or
14 cleanup operations.

15 b. (1) The surviving spouse of a deceased retired member who is
16 receiving a pension in accordance with section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89
17 (C.53:5A-25) due to the death of the retired member on or before July
18 8, 2019 shall be eligible to apply to the board of trustees and, upon
19 approval of the application by the board, shall receive the accidental
20 death benefits set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) if
21 the surviving spouse submits sufficient documentation that the
22 deceased retiree would have qualified for a ¹recalculation of the
23 retiree's service retirement allowance or ordinary disability¹
24 retirement ¹allowance in accordance with¹ under¹ subsection e. of
25 section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) but for the fact that the
26 ¹recalculation¹ benefit¹ was not available to the retiree prior to the
27 retiree's death.

28 (2) A surviving spouse who received the pension in accordance
29 with section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25), but whose eligibility
30 for that pension was terminated because the surviving spouse no
31 longer met the definition of "surviving spouse" as set forth in section 3
32 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), shall be eligible to apply to the board
33 of trustees and, upon approval of the application by the board, shall
34 receive the accidental death benefits set forth in section 14 of
35 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) under the same terms and conditions and
36 pursuant to the same requirements as set forth in paragraph (1) of this
37 subsection. If the former spouse receives the accidental death benefits
38 as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14), a surviving
39 child or children who are receiving benefits pursuant section 25 of
40 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25) shall no longer be eligible to receive
41 those benefits.

42 (3) If there is no surviving spouse or no former surviving spouse
43 because the spouse has died or has declined in writing to apply
44 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the surviving child or
45 surviving children who are receiving benefits in accordance with
46 section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25) on the effective date of this
47 act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or any
48 legal guardian of the child or children, may submit the application and

1 receive the benefits set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-
2 14) under the same terms and conditions and pursuant to the same
3 requirements as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

4 (4) The board of trustees shall provide written notification to each
5 surviving spouse, former surviving spouse, and surviving child, and
6 any legal guardian of a surviving child, of the provisions of this
7 subsection, within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

8 (5) In order to receive the benefit provided in this subsection, a
9 surviving spouse, former surviving spouse, or surviving child, or any
10 legal guardian of the surviving child, shall submit an application not
11 later than two years after the effective of this act.

12 (6) The board of trustees shall require the surviving spouse, former
13 surviving spouse, or surviving child, or any legal guardian of the
14 surviving child, to submit such information as the deceased member or
15 retiree would have been required to submit in accordance with
16 subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) and such
17 other information as the board of trustees may deem necessary to
18 review the application and make a determination. Paragraphs (1), (2),
19 and (3) of this subsection shall apply only if the retiree's death was the
20 result of a qualifying condition or impairment of health as defined in
21 subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) which the
22 medical board determines to be caused by participation in World Trade
23 Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations ¹and if the deceased
24 member or retiree died before July 8, 2019¹.

25 (7) Upon approval of an application, the surviving spouse, former
26 surviving spouse, or surviving child or children, or any legal guardian
27 of the surviving child or children, shall receive the annual payments of
28 the accidental death benefit, and the lump sum death benefit payment,
29 as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14). The annual
30 benefit payments shall apply only for payments made after the
31 effective date of this act. No surviving spouse or former surviving
32 spouse or surviving child, or any legal guardian of the surviving child,
33 shall be granted a retroactive payment based upon the difference
34 between the benefit the person would have received if the benefit
35 pursuant to this subsection had been applicable on the date of death of
36 the retiree and the benefit that the person has received from that date
37 of death to the effective date of this act. The lump sum benefit paid to
38 a beneficiary shall be and shall not exceed 3 ½ times the retiree's final
39 compensation in total regardless of the provision of law under which
40 the lump sum death benefit was paid.

41 (8) The health care benefit premiums to be paid by the State in
42 accordance with subsection h. of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
43 (C.53:5A-14) shall apply if the surviving spouse, former surviving
44 spouse, or surviving child or children are still receiving coverage from
45 the employer-sponsored health insurance program or, if that coverage
46 was terminated, can again become eligible for such coverage. If such
47 coverage is no longer available, the surviving spouse, former surviving
48 spouse, or surviving child or children shall be eligible to enroll in the

1 State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.),
2 notwithstanding any provision thereof to the contrary.

3 c. This act, P.L. _____, c. _____ (C. _____)(pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill), shall be known and may be cited as the
5 Trooper I Robert Nagle and Staff Sergeant Bryan McCoy 911 First
6 Responders Act.

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 _____
14 Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to
15 surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree
16 who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or
cleanup operations.

SENATE, No. 3208

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator PAUL A. SARLO

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/19/2020)

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16 14), upon the submission to the board of trustees of proper proofs of
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29 contrary, if the spouse, child, children, or guardian submits sufficient
30 documentation that the deceased member or retiree would have
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32 recalculation of the service retirement allowance or ordinary
33 disability retirement allowance, in accordance with subsection e. of
34 section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10), provided that the member
35 or retiree filed before death the written and sworn statement required
36 by that subsection e. indicating the dates and locations of service.
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38 information as the deceased member or retiree would have been
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13 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) but for the fact that the recalculation
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7 to review the application and make a determination. Paragraphs (1),
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12 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

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15 of the surviving child or children, shall receive the annual payments
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17 payment, as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14).
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21 surviving child, shall be granted a retroactive payment based upon
22 the difference between the benefit the person would have received if
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24 of death of the retiree and the benefit that the person has received
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27 the retiree's final compensation in total regardless of the provision of
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34 coverage was terminated, can again become eligible for such
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STATEMENT

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This bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child of a deceased member or retiree of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the member or retiree participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and subsequently the member's or retiree's health was impaired as a result of that participation and the member or retiree died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

A recently enacted law, P.L.2019, c.157, enacted on July 8, 2019, provides an accidental disability retirement to such SPRS members or retirees under certain circumstances. This bill also provides the accidental death benefits to the surviving spouses or surviving children of an SPRS retiree who died before July 8, 2019 and thus did not have available the option to receive the accidental disability retirement provided by P.L.2019, c.89. The bill provides accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse and surviving children if the retiree participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and subsequently died in retirement before July 8, 2019 of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

The accidental death benefits provide the surviving spouse with an annual payment of 70% of the member's final compensation, with certain annual adjustments that may be available to increase that final compensation over a certain period of time. If there is no surviving spouse, the surviving children receive the same annual payment. In addition, the surviving spouse or surviving children receive 3.5 times the retiree's final compensation as a lump sum payment regardless of the retiree's age at the time of death, and the State will pay the entire premium for the health care benefits coverage for the retiree's surviving spouse and surviving children. This benefit does not end when the surviving spouse remarries.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3208

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3208, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child under the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the deceased spouse or parent participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and had subsequent impairment of health as a result of that participation and died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

A recently enacted law, P.L.2019, c.157, enacted on July 8, 2019, provides an accidental disability retirement to such SPRS members or retirees under certain circumstances. Deceased members or retirees who died prior to the implementation of that law could not benefit from its passage.

This current bill provides the accidental death benefits to the surviving spouses or surviving children of an SPRS retiree who died before July 8, 2019 and thus did not have available the option to apply for the accidental disability retirement provided by P.L.2019, c.157. The bill provides accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse and surviving children if the retiree participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and subsequently died in retirement before July 8, 2019 of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

There is an amendment to provide that the surviving spouse, child, or children of a retired member of the SPRS who was receiving an accidental disability retirement allowance and died before July 8, 2019 would receive the accidental death benefit under the circumstances specified in the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The OLS anticipates that annual State expenditures will increase by an indeterminate amount as the accidental death benefits provided under the bill will raise annual State contributions to the State Police Retirement System and as the State will pay the entire premiums for the health care benefits coverage for affected beneficiaries. The aggregate expenditure increase cannot be estimated because of a lack of information on the number of individuals who will become eligible for the benefits.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3208
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

- This bill will provide accidental death benefits to an eligible surviving spouse or surviving child of a State Police Retirement System (SPRS) member or retiree who participated in the 9/11 World Trade Center operations, and subsequently died of an illness or disease contracted as a result of that participation.
- The bill will increase a surviving spouse’s benefit by 40 percent, from 50 percent of final compensation to 70 percent, resulting in an unfunded liability to the SPRS and increasing the contributions required to be paid by the State. The benefits also include State-paid health care coverage for the surviving spouse and surviving children.
- The aggregate cost increase cannot be estimated because it will depend on the number of surviving spouses or surviving children of SPRS who will become eligible for the increased annual benefits and, the health care benefits coverage, which are unknown at this time.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child of a deceased member or retiree of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the member or retiree

participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations and subsequently the member's or retiree's health was impaired as a result of that participation. The bill specifies the circumstances under which the surviving spouse or surviving child would be eligible for the benefits and requires certain documentation to be provided to the board of trustees of the SPRS.

A law enacted in 2019 provides an accidental disability retirement to such SPRS members or retirees under certain circumstances. This bill also provides the accidental death benefits to the surviving spouses or surviving children of an SPRS retiree who died before July 8, 2019 and thus did not have available the option to receive the accidental disability retirement provided by the 2019 law. The bill provides accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse and surviving children if the retiree participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations and subsequently died in retirement before July 8, 2019 of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

The accidental death benefits provide the surviving spouse with an annual payment of 70 percent of the member's final compensation, with certain annual adjustments that may be available to increase that final compensation over a certain period of time. If there is no surviving spouse, the surviving children receive the same annual payment. In addition, the surviving spouse or surviving children receive 3.5 times the retiree's final compensation as a lump sum payment regardless of the retiree's age at the time of death, and the State will pay the entire premium for the health care benefits coverage for the retiree's surviving spouse and surviving children. This benefit does not end when the surviving spouse remarries.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: State Government

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

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

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3208 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

- This bill will increase the annual accidental death benefit by 40 percent from 50 percent of final compensation to 70 percent for certain surviving spouses, with a greater increase for surviving children of an SPRS member who died as a result of their participation in the 9/11 World Trade Center (WTC) rescue and recovery operation. The bill will result in an unfunded liability to the SPRS and increase the contributions required to be paid by the State. The surviving spouse and the surviving children will also receive State-paid health care benefits.
- The aggregate cost increase cannot be estimated because it will depend on the number of surviving spouses or surviving children of SPRS who will become eligible for the increased annual benefits and the health care benefits coverage, which are unknown at this time.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child under the SPRS if the deceased spouse or parent participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and had subsequent impairment of health as a result of that participation and died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

This bill will increase the annual accidental death benefit by 40 percent from 50 percent of final compensation to 70 percent for certain surviving spouses, with a greater increase for surviving children of an SPRS member who died as a result of their participation in the 9/11 WTC rescue and recovery operation. The bill will result in an unfunded liability to the SPRS and increase the contributions required to be paid by the State. The surviving spouse and the surviving children will also receive State-paid health care benefits. The aggregate cost increase cannot be estimated because it will depend on the number of surviving spouses or surviving children of SPRS who will become eligible for the annual benefit provided and the cost of the health care benefits coverage, which are unknown at this time.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3208

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3208 (1R).

This bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child under the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the deceased spouse or parent participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and had subsequent impairment of health as a result of that participation and died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3208 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1676, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will increase the annual accidental death benefit by 40 percent from 50 percent of final compensation to 70 percent for certain surviving spouses, with a greater increase for surviving children of an SPRS member who died as a result of their participation in the 9/11 World Trade Center (WTC) rescue and recovery operation. The bill will result in an unfunded liability to the SPRS and increase the contributions required to be paid by the State. The surviving spouse and the surviving children will also receive State-paid health care benefits.

The aggregate cost increase cannot be estimated because it will depend on the number of surviving spouses or surviving children of SPRS who will become eligible for the increased annual benefits and the health care benefits coverage, which are unknown at this time.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1676

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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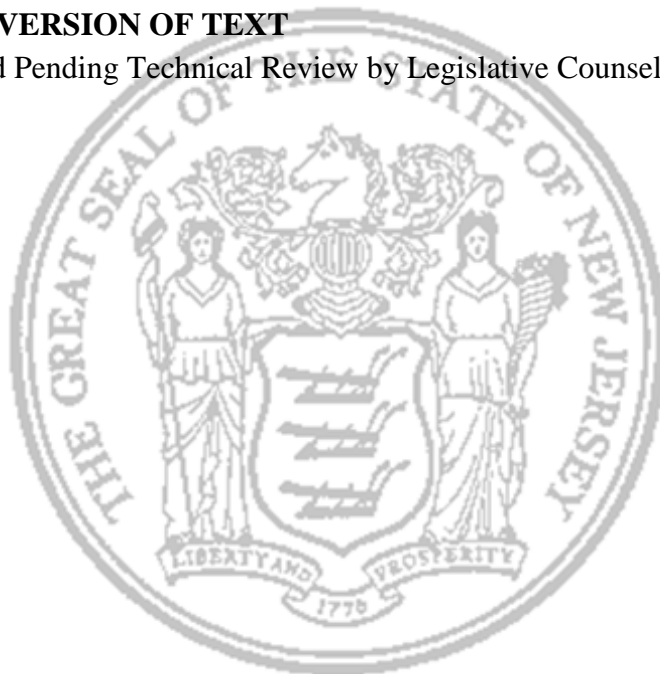
Assemblymen Benson, McGuckin and Zwicker

SYNOPSIS

Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning accidental death benefits for surviving spouses
2 and surviving children of certain members or retirees of the State
3 Police Retirement System, and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89
4 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.).

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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. a. (1) The surviving spouse or surviving child or children of
10 a retired member of the State Police Retirement System who
11 received an accidental disability retirement allowance in accordance
12 with subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10), or
13 subsection a. thereof provided that the documentation required
14 pursuant to subsection e. is submitted, shall receive the accidental
15 death benefits as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-
16 14), upon the submission to the board of trustees of proper proofs of
17 the death of that retiree, notwithstanding any other provision of law
18 or regulation to the contrary. Notwithstanding the provision of
19 subsection c. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) or any
20 other provision of law to the contrary, the lump sum benefit of 3 ½
21 times final compensation in subsection e. of section 14 of P.L.1965,
22 c.89 (C.53:5A-14) shall apply.

23 (2) The surviving spouse or surviving child or children, or any
24 legal guardian of the surviving child or children, shall be eligible to
25 receive the accidental death benefits as set forth in section 14 of
26 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14), upon the submission to the board of
27 trustees of proper proofs of the death of the member or retiree,
28 notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation to the
29 contrary, if the spouse, child, children, or guardian submits
30 sufficient documentation that the deceased member or retiree would
31 have qualified for an accidental disability retirement allowance, or a
32 recalculation of the service retirement allowance or ordinary
33 disability retirement allowance, in accordance with subsection e. of
34 section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10), provided that the
35 member or retiree filed before death the written and sworn
36 statement required by that subsection e. indicating the dates and
37 locations of service. The board of trustees shall require the
38 submission of such information as the deceased member or retiree
39 would have been required to submit in accordance with subsection
40 e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) and such other
41 information as the board of trustees may deem necessary to make a
42 determination. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
43 contrary, the lump sum benefit of 3 ½ times final compensation in
44 subsection e. of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) shall
45 apply.

46 (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall apply only if
47 the member's or retiree's death was the result of a qualifying
48 condition or impairment of health as defined in subsection e. of

1 section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) which the medical board
2 determines to be caused by participation in World Trade Center
3 rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

4 b. (1) The surviving spouse of a deceased retired member who
5 is receiving a pension in accordance with section 25 of P.L.1965,
6 c.89 (C.53:5A-25) due to the death of the retired member on or
7 before July 8, 2019 shall be eligible to apply to the board of trustees
8 and, upon approval of the application by the board, shall receive the
9 accidental death benefits set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
10 (C.53:5A-14) if the surviving spouse submits sufficient
11 documentation that the deceased retiree would have qualified for a
12 recalculation of the retiree's service retirement allowance or
13 ordinary disability retirement allowance in accordance with
14 subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) but for
15 the fact that the recalculation was not available to the retiree prior
16 to the retiree's death.

17 (2) A surviving spouse who received the pension in accordance
18 with section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25), but whose
19 eligibility for that pension was terminated because the surviving
20 spouse no longer met the definition of "surviving spouse" as set
21 forth in section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), shall be eligible to
22 apply to the board of trustees and, upon approval of the application
23 by the board, shall receive the accidental death benefits set forth in
24 section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) under the same terms
25 and conditions and pursuant to the same requirements as set forth in
26 paragraph (1) of this subsection. If the former spouse receives the
27 accidental death benefits as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
28 (C.53:5A-14), a surviving child or children who are receiving
29 benefits pursuant section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25) shall
30 no longer be eligible to receive those benefits.

31 (3) If there is no surviving spouse or no former surviving spouse
32 because the spouse has died or has declined in writing to apply
33 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the surviving child or
34 surviving children who are receiving benefits in accordance with
35 section 25 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-25) on the effective date of
36 this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or
37 any legal guardian of the child or children, may submit the
38 application and receive the benefits set forth in section 14 of
39 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) under the same terms and conditions
40 and pursuant to the same requirements as set forth in paragraph (1)
41 of this subsection.

42 (4) The board of trustees shall provide written notification to
43 each surviving spouse, former surviving spouse, and surviving
44 child, and any legal guardian of a surviving child, of the provisions
45 of this subsection, within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

46 (5) In order to receive the benefit provided in this subsection, a
47 surviving spouse, former surviving spouse, or surviving child, or

1 any legal guardian of the surviving child, shall submit an
2 application not later than two years after the effective of this act.

3 (6) The board of trustees shall require the surviving spouse,
4 former surviving spouse, or surviving child, or any legal guardian
5 of the surviving child, to submit such information as the deceased
6 member or retiree would have been required to submit in
7 accordance with subsection e. of section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89
8 (C.53:5A-10) and such other information as the board of trustees
9 may deem necessary to review the application and make a
10 determination. Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection shall
11 apply only if the retiree's death was the result of a qualifying
12 condition or impairment of health as defined in subsection e. of
13 section 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) which the medical board
14 determines to be caused by participation in World Trade Center
15 rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.

16 (7) Upon approval of an application, the surviving spouse,
17 former surviving spouse, or surviving child or children, or any legal
18 guardian of the surviving child or children, shall receive the annual
19 payments of the accidental death benefit, and the lump sum death
20 benefit payment, as set forth in section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
21 (C.53:5A-14). The annual benefit payments shall apply only for
22 payments made after the effective date of this act. No surviving
23 spouse or former surviving spouse or surviving child, or any legal
24 guardian of the surviving child, shall be granted a retroactive
25 payment based upon the difference between the benefit the person
26 would have received if the benefit pursuant to this subsection had
27 been applicable on the date of death of the retiree and the benefit
28 that the person has received from that date of death to the effective
29 date of this act. The lump sum benefit paid to a beneficiary shall be
30 and shall not exceed 3 ½ times the retiree's final compensation in
31 total regardless of the provision of law under which the lump sum
32 death benefit was paid.

33 (8) The health care benefit premiums to be paid by the State in
34 accordance with subsection h. of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89
35 (C.53:5A-14) shall apply if the surviving spouse, former surviving
36 spouse, or surviving child or children are still receiving coverage
37 from the employer-sponsored health insurance program or, if that
38 coverage was terminated, can again become eligible for such
39 coverage. If such coverage is no longer available, the surviving
40 spouse, former surviving spouse, or surviving child or children shall
41 be eligible to enroll in the State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961,
42 c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), notwithstanding any provision thereof
43 to the contrary.

44 c. This act, P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the
45 Legislature as this bill), shall be known and may be cited as the
46 Trooper I Robert Nagle and Staff Sergeant Bryan McCoy 911 First
47 Responders Act.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving
7 spouse or surviving child of a deceased member or retiree of the
8 State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the member or retiree
9 participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or
10 cleanup operation and subsequently the member's or retiree's health
11 was impaired as a result of that participation and the member or
12 retiree died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that
13 participation.

14 A recently enacted law, P.L.2019, c.157, enacted on July 8,
15 2019, provides an accidental disability retirement to such SPRS
16 members or retirees under certain circumstances. This bill also
17 provides the accidental death benefits to the surviving spouses or
18 surviving children of an SPRS retiree who died before July 8, 2019
19 and thus did not have available the option to receive the accidental
20 disability retirement provided by P.L.2019, c.89. The bill provides
21 accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse and surviving
22 children if the retiree participated in 9/11 World Trade Center
23 rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and subsequently died in
24 retirement before July 8, 2019 of a qualifying illness or disease
25 contracted from that participation.

26 The accidental death benefits provide the surviving spouse with
27 an annual payment of 70% of the member's final compensation,
28 with certain annual adjustments that may be available to increase
29 that final compensation over a certain period of time. If there is no
30 surviving spouse, the surviving children receive the same annual
31 payment. In addition, the surviving spouse or surviving children
32 receive 3.5 times the retiree's final compensation as a lump sum
33 payment regardless of the retiree's age at the time of death, and the
34 State will pay the entire premium for the health care benefits
35 coverage for the retiree's surviving spouse and surviving children.
36 This benefit does not end when the surviving spouse remarries.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1676

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1676, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill would provide accidental death benefits to a surviving spouse or surviving child under the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) if the deceased spouse or parent participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operation and had subsequent impairment of health as a result of that participation and died of a qualifying illness or disease contracted from that participation.

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As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1676 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3208 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

There amendment provides that the surviving spouse, child, or children of a retired member of the SPRS who was receiving an accidental disability retirement allowance and died before July 8, 2019 would receive the accidental death benefit under the circumstances specified in the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will increase the annual accidental death benefit by 40 percent from 50 percent of final compensation to 70 percent for certain surviving spouses, with a greater increase for surviving children of an SPRS member who died as a result of their participation in the 9/11 World Trade Center (WTC) rescue and recovery operation. The bill will result in an unfunded liability to the SPRS and increase the contributions required to be paid by the State. The surviving spouse and the surviving children will also receive State-paid health care benefits.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1676

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 25, 2021

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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