

Bill No.: SF0018 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0023**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0022
Chapter No.: 5
Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Benefits for spouses of law enforcement members.**
Subject: Retirement benefits.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends and conforms two (2) retirement plans, the Law Enforcement Retirement Plan and the State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Plan, to provide for the following benefits:
 - The pre-retirement duty-related death benefit paid to a spouse is amended be the greater of either sixty-two and one-half percent (62.5%) of the member's salary at time of death or two and one-half (2.5%) of the member's salary multiplied by the number of years of the service;
 - The pre-retirement non-duty death benefit paid to a spouse is amended to be fifty percent (50%) of salary.
 - The amount paid as a benefit for a member's children is amended to be six percent (6%) of salary;
 - The maximum allowable benefit paid to the surviving spouse and children is amended to be one hundred percent (100%) of salary;
 - The definition of "salary" for purposes of calculating benefits is amended to be the greater of the member's highest average salary over three (3) years or final actual salary during the last full month of credited service.

- The act applies to benefits paid after the effective date of the act.

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