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SENATE BILL 6228

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By Senators Jacobsen, Winsley, Spanel, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing a death benefit for certain members of  
2 the Washington school employees' retirement system; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 41.35 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.35 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) A one hundred fifty thousand dollar death benefit shall be paid  
8 to the member's estate, or such person or persons, trust or  
9 organization as the member has nominated by written designation duly  
10 executed and filed with the department. If no such designated person  
11 or persons are still living at the time of the member's death, the  
12 member's death benefit shall be paid to the member's surviving spouse  
13 as if in fact the spouse had been nominated by written designation, or  
14 if there is no surviving spouse, then to the member's legal  
15 representatives.

16            (2) The benefit under this section shall be paid only where death  
17 occurs as a result of injuries sustained in the course of employment.  
18 The determination of eligibility for the benefit shall be made  
19 consistent with Title 51 RCW by the department of labor and industries.

1 The department of labor and industries shall notify the department of  
2 retirement systems by order under RCW 51.52.050.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect September  
4 1, 2000.

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