
HOUSE BILL 2569

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By Representatives Burnett and Davis

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying eligibility for the tiered
2 multiplier and alternative lump sum benefits in the law enforcement
3 officers and firefighters' retirement system plan 2; and amending RCW
4 41.26.555.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.26.555 and 2022 c 125 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Members who are retired (~~(on or)~~) before February 1, 2021,
9 will receive a one-time lump sum defined benefit of \$100 per service
10 credit month payable by January 31, 2023.

11 (a) Members who retired for an in the line of duty disability
12 under RCW 41.26.470 shall receive the greater of the lump sum defined
13 benefit of \$100 per service credit month or a lump sum defined
14 benefit of \$20,000.

15 (b) A member's beneficiary is eligible for an in the line of duty
16 death benefit under RCW 41.26.048. If there is more than one eligible
17 beneficiary the lump sum defined benefit will be distributed in
18 accordance with RCW 41.26.048.

19 (c) If the member is deceased the member's survivor beneficiary
20 under RCW 41.26.460 is eligible for this lump sum defined benefit.

1 (2) Members who are active in the plan (~~on or before February~~
2 1)) after January 31, 2021, must make an irrevocable choice at
3 retirement between the tiered multiplier benefit defined in RCW
4 41.26.420(3) or a one-time lump sum defined benefit of \$100 per
5 service credit month to be paid at retirement.

6 (a) Members who retire for an in the line of duty disability
7 under RCW 41.26.470 and who elect to receive this lump sum defined
8 benefit shall receive the greater of the lump sum defined benefit of
9 \$100 per service credit month or a lump sum defined benefit of
10 \$20,000.

11 (b) A member's beneficiary eligible for an in the line of duty
12 death benefit under RCW 41.26.048 and who elects to receive this lump
13 sum defined benefit shall receive the greater of the lump sum defined
14 benefit of \$100 per service credit month or a lump sum defined
15 benefit of \$20,000. If there is more than one eligible beneficiary
16 the lump sum defined benefit will be distributed in accordance with
17 RCW 41.26.048.

18 (c) For a beneficiary of a member who dies in service but not in
19 an in the line of duty death, the distribution shall be made
20 according to the member's beneficiary designation under this chapter.

21 (3) Members who are inactive on (~~or before~~) February 1, 2021,
22 or retired on February 1, 2021, but who later return to membership
23 must make an irrevocable choice at retirement between the tiered
24 multiplier benefit in RCW 41.26.420 and this lump sum defined
25 benefit.

26 (4) Members who receive a refund of contributions under RCW
27 41.26.540 are not eligible for this lump sum defined benefit.

28 (5) This lump sum defined benefit is exempt from judicial process
29 and taxes under RCW 41.26.053.

30 (6) Any member who receives this lump sum defined benefit is not
31 eligible for the tiered multiplier benefit in RCW 41.26.420.

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