

House Bill 195

By: Representative Benton of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative
3 to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, so as to increase the benefit amount payable to
4 beneficiaries after the member's death; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions
5 for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the
10 Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, is amended by revising Code Section 47-7-103, relating
11 to benefits payable to a named beneficiary upon death of members prior to the
12 commencement of benefits or payment of benefits equal to members' dues, as follows:

13 "47-7-103.

14 (a) In the event of the death of an active member who has not commenced receiving any
15 benefits under this chapter, up to five selected beneficiaries of such deceased member shall
16 be entitled to be paid the amount of ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 split equally among the selected
17 beneficiaries, upon any selected beneficiary making proper application to the executive
18 director of the fund. Such application shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the death
19 certificate of the deceased member and such other information as may be required by the
20 board.

21 (b) In the event of the death of a retired member of the fund who has not elected survivor
22 benefits under Option A or B as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 47-7-100
23 and who has commenced receiving benefits under this chapter, but who has not received
24 total benefits in an amount equal to ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00, up to five beneficiaries selected
25 by the member shall be entitled to receive an equally apportioned amount from the
26 difference between ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 and the amount of benefits received by such

27 deceased member, upon making application as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code
28 section."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020, only if it is determined to have been
31 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
32 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not
33 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2020, as
34 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.