SENATE BILL No. 75

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-8.

Synopsis: 1977 pension fund retirement age and benefits. Reduces from 52 to 50 the age at which a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) is eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit. Eliminates early retirement with a reduced retirement benefit. Increases from 1% to 1.5% the amount of the additional retirement benefit payable to a 1977 fund member for each six months of active service over 20 years. Reduces from 32 to 28 the maximum number of years of service that may be used to compute a retirement benefit for a 1977 fund member.

Effective: July 1, 2018.

Ford

January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.



Introduced

Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 75

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 36-8-8-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017, SECTION 261, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 10. (a) A fund member is eligible for retirement after the member has completed twenty (20) years of active service.

(b) This subsection applies before July 1, 2018. Unless the member is receiving benefits under subsection (c), (d), unreduced benefits to a retired fund member begin the date:

(1) the fund member becomes fifty-two (52) years of age; or(2) on which the fund member retires;

whichever is later. Benefit payments to a retired fund member under
this subsection begin on the first day of the month on or after the date
the member reaches fifty-two (52) years of age or on which the member
retires, whichever is later.

(c) This subsection applies after June 30, 2018. Benefits to a retired fund member begin the date:

(1) the fund member becomes fifty (50) years of age; or



2018

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

15

16

17

1 (2) on which the fund member retires; 2 whichever is later. Benefit payments to a retired fund member 3 under this subsection begin on the first day of the month on or 4 after the date the member reaches fifty (50) years of age or on 5 which the member retires, whichever is later. 6 (c) (d) This subsection applies before July 1, 2018. A retired 7 member may elect to receive actuarially reduced benefits that begin the 8 date: 9 (1) the fund member becomes fifty (50) years of age; or 10 (2) on which the fund member retires; whichever is later. Benefit payments to a retired fund member under 11 12 this subsection begin on the first day of the month on or after the day 13 the member reaches fifty (50) years of age or on which the member 14 retires, whichever is later. 15 (d) (e) This subsection applies before July 1, 2018. If a fund 16 member: 17 (1) becomes fifty-two (52) years of age in the case of unreduced 18 benefits or fifty (50) years of age in the case of reduced benefits; 19 or 20 (2) retires on a date other than on the first day of the month; 21 the amount due the fund member for the initial partial monthly benefit 22 is payable together with the regular monthly benefit on the first of the 23 month following the date the fund member becomes fifty-two (52) or 24 fifty (50) years of age, respectively, or retires, whichever is later. 25 (f) This subsection applies after June 30, 2018. If a fund 26 member: 27 (1) becomes fifty (50) years of age; or 28 (2) retires on a date other than on the first day of the month; 29 the amount due the fund member for the initial partial monthly 30 benefit is payable together with the regular monthly benefit on the 31 first of the month following the date the fund member becomes 32 fifty (50) years of age or retires, whichever is later. 33 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-8-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2011, 34 SECTION 84, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 35 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 11. (a) Benefits paid under this section are subject 36 to section 2.5 of this chapter. 37 (b) Except as provided in section 24.8 of this chapter, Each fund 38 member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 39 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit 40 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly salary of a first class 41 patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's 42 active service plus:



1 (1) for a member who retires before January 1, 1986, two percent 2 (2%) of that salary for each full year of active service; or 3 (2) for a member who retires after December 31, 1985, and 4 before July 1, 2018, one percent (1%) of that salary for each six 5 (6) months of active service; or 6 (3) for a member who retires after June 30, 2018, one and 7 one-half percent (1.5%) of that salary for each six (6) months 8 of active service: 9 over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, for a 10 member who retires before July 1, 2018, or to a maximum of eight (8) years, for a member who retires after June 30, 2018. 11 12 (c) Each fund member who qualifies, before July 1, 2018, for a 13 retirement benefit payment under section 10(c) 10(d) of this chapter is 14 entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the 15 monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the 16 member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of 17 that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) 18 years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for 19 each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of 20 age, by a factor established by the fund's actuary from time to time. 21 SECTION 3. IC 36-8-8-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.35-2012, 22 SECTION 126, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 12. (a) Benefits paid under this 24 section are subject to sections 2.5 and 2.6 of this chapter. 25 (b) If an active fund member has a covered impairment, as 26 determined under sections 12.3 through 13.1 of this chapter, the 27 member is entitled to receive the benefit prescribed by section 13.3 or 28 13.5 of this chapter. A member who has had a covered impairment and 29 returns to active duty with the department shall not be treated as a new applicant seeking to become a member of the 1977 fund. 30 31 (c) If a retired fund member who has not yet reached the member's 32 fifty-second applicable birthday specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of 33 this chapter is found by the system board to be permanently or 34 temporarily unable to perform all suitable work for which the member 35 is or may be capable of becoming qualified, the member is entitled to 36 receive during the disability the retirement benefit payments payable 37 at fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) 38 or 10(c) of this chapter. During a reasonable period in which a fund 39 member with a disability is becoming qualified for suitable work, the 40 member may continue to receive disability benefit payments. However, 41 benefits payable for disability under this subsection are reduced by 42 amounts for which the fund member is eligible from:



2018

1	(1) a plan or policy of insurance providing benefits for loss of
2	time because of disability;
2 3 4	(2) a plan, fund, or other arrangement to which the fund member's
4	employer has contributed or for which the fund member's
5	employer has made payroll deductions, including a group life
6	policy providing installment payments for disability, a group
7	annuity contract, or a pension or retirement annuity plan other
8	than the fund established by this chapter;
9	(3) the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), the
10	Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.), the United States
11	Department of Veterans Affairs, or another federal, state, local, or
12	other governmental agency;
13	(4) worker's compensation payable under IC 22-3; and
14	(5) a salary or wage, including overtime and bonus pay and extra
15	or additional remuneration of any kind, the fund member receives
16	or is entitled to receive from the member's employer.
17	For the purposes of this subsection, a retired fund member is
18	considered eligible for benefits from subdivisions (1) through (5)
19	whether or not the member has made application for the benefits.
20	(d) Notwithstanding any other law, a plan, policy of insurance, fund,
21	or other arrangement:
22	(1) delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed after
23	April 9, 1979; and
24	(2) described in subsection $(c)(1)$ or $(c)(2)$;
25	may not provide for a reduction or alteration of benefits as a result of
26	benefits for which a fund member may be eligible from the 1977 fund
27	under subsection (c).
28	(e) Time spent receiving disability benefits, not to exceed twenty
29	(20) years, is considered active service for the purpose of determining
30	retirement benefits. A fund member's retirement benefit shall be based
31	on:
32	(1) the member's years of active service; plus
33	(2) if applicable, the period, not to exceed twenty (20) years,
34	during which the member received disability benefits.
35	(f) A fund member who is receiving disability benefits:
36	(1) under section 13.3(d) of this chapter; or
37	(2) based on a determination under this chapter that the fund
38	member has a Class 3 impairment;
39	shall be transferred from disability to regular retirement status when the
40	member becomes fifty-two (52) years of age (if the fund member
41	becomes disabled before July 1, 2018) or fifty (50) years of age (if
42	the fund member becomes disabled after June 30, 2018).
-	······································



	5
1	(g) A fund member who is receiving disability benefits:
2	(1) under section 13.3(c) of this chapter; or
3	(2) based on a determination under this chapter that the fund
4	member has a Class 1 or Class 2 impairment;
5	is entitled to receive a disability benefit for the remainder of the fund
6	member's life in the amount determined under the applicable sections
7	of this chapter.
8	SECTION 4. IC 36-8-8-13.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2017,
9	SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10	JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 13.3. (a) This section applies only to a fund
11	member who:
12	(1) is hired for the first time before January 1, 1990; and
13	(2) does not choose coverage by sections 12.5 and 13.5 of this
14	chapter under section 12.4 of this chapter.
15	This section does not apply to a fund member described in section
16	12.3(c)(2) of this chapter.
17	(b) A fund member:
18	(1) who became disabled before July 1, 2000;
19	(2) who is determined to have a covered impairment; and
20	(3) for whom it is determined that there is no suitable and
21	available work within the fund member's department, considering
22	reasonable accommodation to the extent required by the
23	Americans with Disabilities Act;
24	is entitled to receive during the disability a benefit equal to the benefit
25	that the fund member would have received if the fund member had
26	retired. If the fund member with a disability does not have at least
27	twenty (20) years of service or is not at least fifty-two (52) years of the
28	applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the
29	benefit is computed and paid as if the fund member had twenty (20)
30	years of service and was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age
31	specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter.
32	(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a fund member:
33	(1) who becomes disabled after July 1, 2000;
34	(2) who is determined to have a covered impairment that is:
35	(A) the direct result of:
36	(i) a personal injury that occurs while the fund member is on
37	duty;
38	(ii) a personal injury that occurs while the fund member is
39	off duty and is responding to an offense or a reported
40	offense, in the case of a police officer, or an emergency or
41	reported emergency for which the fund member is trained,
42	in the case of a firefighter; or

1	(iii) an occupational disease (as defined in IC 22-3-7-10),
2	including a duty related disease that is also included within
3	clause (B);
4	(B) a duty related disease (for purposes of this section, a "duty
5	related disease" means a disease arising out of the fund
6	member's employment. A disease is considered to arise out of
7	the fund member's employment if it is apparent to the rational
8	mind, upon consideration of all of the circumstances, that:
9	(i) there is a connection between the conditions under which
10	the fund member's duties are performed and the disease;
11	(ii) the disease can be seen to have followed as a natural
12	incident of the fund member's duties as a result of the
13	exposure occasioned by the nature of the fund member's
14	duties; and
15	(iii) the disease can be traced to the fund member's
16	employment as the proximate cause); or
17	(C) a disability presumed incurred in the line of duty under
18	IC 5-10-13 or IC 5-10-15; and
19	(3) for whom it is determined that there is no suitable and
20	available work within the fund member's department, considering
21	reasonable accommodation to the extent required by the
22	Americans with Disabilities Act;
23	is entitled to receive during the disability a benefit equal to the benefit
24	that the fund member would have received if the fund member had
25	retired. If the fund member with a disability does not have at least
26	twenty (20) years of service or is not at least fifty-two (52) years of the
27	applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the
28	benefit is computed and paid as if the fund member had twenty (20)
29	years of service and was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age
30	specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter.
31	(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a fund member:
32	(1) who becomes disabled after July 1, 2000;
33	(2) who is determined to have a covered impairment that is not a
34	covered impairment described in subsection $(c)(2)$; and
35	(3) for whom it is determined that there is no suitable and
36	available work within the fund member's department, considering
37	reasonable accommodation to the extent required by the federal
38	Americans with Disabilities Act;
39	is entitled to receive during the disability a benefit equal to the benefit
40	that the fund member would have received if the fund member had
41	retired. If the fund member with a disability does not have at least
42	twenty (20) years of service or is not at least fifty-two (52) years of the



1 applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the 2 benefit is computed and paid as if the fund member had twenty (20) 3 years of service and was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter. 4 5 (e) Notwithstanding section 12.3 of this chapter and any other 6 provision of this section, a member who: 7 (1) has had a covered impairment; 8 (2) recovers and returns to active service with the department; and 9 (3) within two (2) years after returning to active service has an impairment that except for section 12.3 of this chapter would be 10 a covered impairment; 11 12 is entitled to the benefit under this subsection if the impairment 13 described in subdivision (3) results from the same condition or conditions (without an intervening circumstance) that caused the 14 15 covered impairment described in subdivision (1). The member is 16 entitled to receive the monthly disability benefit amount paid to the 17 member at the time of the member's return to active service plus any 18 adjustments under section 15 of this chapter that would have been 19 applicable during the member's period of reemployment. 20 (f) As used in this subsection, "catastrophic physical personal 21 injury" means a physical personal injury that results in a degree of 22 impairment to the fund member of at least sixty-seven percent (67%). 23 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a fund member 24 who has a permanent and total covered impairment that is the direct 25 result of a catastrophic physical personal injury that: (1) occurs in the line of duty after July 1, 2008; and 26 27 (2) permanently prevents the fund member from performing any 28 gainful work; 29 shall receive, after July 1, 2017, a disability benefit equal to the 30 monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter at the 31 commencement of the disability. The disability benefit provided under 32 this subsection is paid instead of the disability benefit otherwise 33 determined under this section. The disability benefit determined under 34 this subsection is payable for the remainder of the fund member's life. 35 The disability benefit provided under this subsection must be increased 36 at a rate equal to the increases in the monthly salary of a first class 37 patrolman or firefighter. 38 SECTION 5. IC 36-8-8-13.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2017, 39 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 40 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 13.5. (a) This section applies only to a fund

member who:

41 42

(1) is hired for the first time after December 31, 1989;



1 (2) chooses coverage by this section and section 12.5 of this 2 chapter under section 12.4 of this chapter; or 3 (3) is described in section 12.3(c)(2) of this chapter. 4 (b) A fund member who is determined to have a Class 1 impairment 5 and for whom it is determined that there is no suitable and available 6 work within the fund member's department, considering reasonable 7 accommodation to the extent required by the Americans with 8 Disabilities Act, is entitled to a monthly base benefit equal to forty-five 9 percent (45%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or 10 firefighter in the year of the local board's determination of impairment. 11 (c) A fund member who is determined to have a Class 2 impairment 12 and for whom it is determined that there is no suitable and available 13 work within the fund member's department, considering reasonable 14 accommodation to the extent required by the Americans with 15 Disabilities Act, is entitled to a monthly base benefit equal to 16 twenty-two percent (22%) of the monthly salary of a first class 17 patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local board's determination 18 of impairment plus one-half percent (0.5%) of that salary for each year 19 of service, up to a maximum of: 20 (1) thirty (30) years of service (if the fund member becomes 21 disabled before July 1, 2018); or 22 (2) twenty-eight (28) years of service (if the fund member 23 becomes disabled after June 30, 2018). 24 (d) For applicants hired before March 2, 1992, a fund member who 25 is determined to have a Class 3 impairment and for whom it is 26 determined that there is no suitable and available work within the fund 27 member's department, considering reasonable accommodation to the 28 extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, is entitled to a 29 monthly base benefit equal to the product of the member's years of 30 service (not to exceed thirty (30) years of service, if the fund member 31 becomes disabled before July 1, 2018, or twenty-eight (28) years of 32 service, if the fund member becomes disabled after June 30, 2018), 33 multiplied by one percent (1%) of the monthly salary of a first class 34 patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local board's determination 35 of impairment. 36 (e) For applicants hired after March 1, 1992, or described in section 37 12.3(c)(2) of this chapter, a fund member who is determined to have a 38 Class 3 impairment and for whom it is determined that there is no 39 suitable and available work within the fund member's department, 40 considering reasonable accommodation to the extent required by the 41 Americans with Disabilities Act, is entitled to the following benefits

42 instead of benefits provided under subsection (d):



2018

1	(1) If the fund member did not have a Class 3 excludable
2	condition under section 13.6 of this chapter at the time the fund
3	member entered or reentered the fund, the fund member is
4	entitled to a monthly base benefit equal to the product of the
5	member's years of service (not to exceed thirty (30) years of
6	service, if the fund member becomes disabled before July 1,
7	2018, or twenty-eight (28) years of service, if the fund member
8	becomes disabled after June 30, 2018), multiplied by one
9	percent (1%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or
10	firefighter in the year of the local board's determination of
11	impairment.
12	(2) Except as provided in subdivision (5), a fund member is
13	entitled to receive the benefits set forth in subdivision (1) if:
14	(A) the fund member had a Class 3 excludable condition under
15	section 13.6 of this chapter at the time the fund member
16	entered or reentered the fund;
17	(B) the fund member has a Class 3 impairment that is not
18	related in any manner to the Class 3 excludable condition
19	described in clause (A); and
20	(C) the Class 3 impairment described in clause (B) occurs after
21	the fund member has completed four (4) years of service with
22	the employer after the date the fund member entered or
23	reentered the fund.
24	(3) Except as provided in subdivision (5), a fund member is not
25	entitled to a monthly base benefit for a Class 3 impairment if:
26	(A) the fund member had a Class 3 excludable condition under
27	section 13.6 of this chapter at the time the fund member
28	entered or reentered the fund; and
29	(B) the Class 3 impairment occurs before the fund member has
30	completed four (4) years of service with the employer after the
31	date the fund member entered or reentered the fund.
32	(4) A fund member is not entitled to a monthly base benefit for a
33	Class 3 impairment if:
34	(A) the fund member had a Class 3 excludable condition under
35	
36	section 13.6 of this chapter at the time the fund member entered or reentered the fund; and
30 37	
	(B) the Class 3 impairment is related in any manner to the
38	Class 3 excludable condition.
39	(5) If, during the first four (4) years of service with the employer: (A) a fund member with a Class 2 and data and iting is
40	(A) a fund member with a Class 3 excludable condition is
41	determined to have a Class 3 impairment; and
42	(B) the Class 3 impairment is attributable to an accidental



1 injury that is not related in any manner to the fund member's 2 Class 3 excludable condition; 3 the member is entitled to receive the benefits provided in 4 subdivision (1) with respect to the accidental injury. For purposes 5 of this subdivision, the local board shall make the initial 6 determination of whether an impairment is attributable to an 7 accidental injury. The local board shall forward the initial 8 determination to the director of the system board for a final 9 determination by the system board or the system board's designee. 10 (f) If a fund member is entitled to a monthly base benefit under subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e), the fund member is also entitled to a 11 12 monthly amount that is no less than ten percent (10%) and no greater 13 than forty-five percent (45%) of the monthly salary of a first class 14 patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local board's determination 15 of impairment. The additional monthly amount shall be determined by 16 the Indiana public retirement system medical authority based on the 17 degree of impairment. 18 (g) Benefits for a Class 1 impairment as determined under this 19 section are payable for the remainder of the fund member's life. 20 (h) Benefits for a Class 2 impairment are payable: 21 (1) for a period equal to the years of service of the member, if the 22 member's total disability benefit is less than thirty percent (30%) 23 of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the 24 year of the local board's determination of impairment and the 25 member has fewer than four (4) years of service; or 26 (2) for the remainder of the fund member's life if the fund 27 member's benefit is: 28 (A) equal to or greater than thirty percent (30%) of the 29 monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the 30 year of the local board's determination of impairment; or 31 (B) less than thirty percent (30%) of the monthly salary of a 32 first class patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local 33 board's determination of impairment if the member has at least 34 four (4) years of service. 35 (i) Benefits for a Class 3 impairment are payable: 36 (1) for a period equal to the years of service of the member, if the 37 member's total disability benefit is less than thirty percent (30%) 38 of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the 39 year of the local board's determination of impairment and the 40 member has fewer than four (4) years of service; or 41 (2) until the member becomes fifty-two (52) years of the 42 applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this



1	chapter, if the member's benefit is:
2	(A) equal to or greater than thirty percent (30%) of the
3	monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the
4	year of the local board's determination of impairment; or
5	(B) less than thirty percent (30%) of the monthly salary of a
6	first class patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local
7	board's determination of impairment if the member has at least
8	four (4) years of service.
9	(j) Upon becoming fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age
10	specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, a fund member
10	
11	with a Class 2 impairment determined under subsection $(h)(1)$ is
12	entitled to receive the retirement benefit payable to a fund member
13 14	with: (1) transfer (20) second of complete on
	(1) twenty (20) years of service; or
15	(2) the total years of service (including both active service and the
16	period, not to exceed twenty (20) years, during which the member
17	received disability benefits) and salary, as of the year the member
18	becomes fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in
19	section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, that the fund member
20	would have earned if the fund member had remained in active
21	service until becoming fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age
22	specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter;
23	whichever is greater.
24	(k) Upon becoming fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age
25	specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, a fund member
26	who is receiving or has received a Class 3 impairment benefit that is:
27	(1) equal to or greater than thirty percent (30%) of the monthly
28	salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year of the
29	local board's determination of impairment; or
30	(2) less than thirty percent (30%) of the monthly salary of a first
31	class patrolman or firefighter in the year of the local board's
32	determination of impairment if the member has at least four (4)
33	years of service;
34	is entitled to receive the retirement benefit payable to a fund member
35	with twenty (20) years of service.
36	(1) Notwithstanding section 12.3 of this chapter and any other
37	provision of this section, a member who:
38	(1) has had a covered impairment;
39	(2) recovers and returns to active service with the department; and
40	(3) within two (2) years after returning to active service has an
41	impairment that, except for section 12.3(b)(3) of this chapter,
42	would be a covered impairment;



is entitled to the benefit under this subsection if the impairment described in subdivision (3) results from the same condition or conditions (without an intervening circumstance) that caused the covered impairment described in subdivision (1). The member is entitled to receive the monthly disability benefit amount paid to the member at the time of the member's return to active service plus any adjustments under section 15 of this chapter that would have been applicable during the member's period of reemployment.

9 (m) As used in this subsection, "catastrophic physical personal 10 injury" means a physical personal injury that results in a degree of 11 impairment to the fund member of at least sixty-seven percent (67%). 12 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a fund member 13 who has a permanent and total covered impairment that is the direct 14 result of a catastrophic physical personal injury that:

(1) occurs in the line of duty after July 1, 2008; and

(2) permanently prevents the fund member from performing any gainful work;

18 shall receive, after July 1, 2017, a disability benefit equal to the 19 monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter at the 20 commencement of the disability. The disability benefit provided under 21 this subsection is paid instead of the disability benefit otherwise 22 determined under this section. The disability benefit determined under 23 this subsection is payable for the remainder of the fund member's life. 24 The disability benefit provided under this subsection must be increased 25 at a rate equal to the increases in the monthly salary of a first class 26 patrolman or firefighter.

SECTION 6. IC 36-8-13.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.23-2010,
SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 13.8. (a) This section applies to an active or
retired member who dies other than in the line of duty (as defined in
section 14.1 of this chapter) after August 31, 1982.

32 (b) If a fund member dies while receiving retirement or disability33 benefits, the following apply:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each of the member's surviving children is entitled to a monthly benefit equal to twenty percent (20%) of the fund member's monthly benefit:

(A) until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age; or

(B) until the child becomes twenty-three (23) years of age if
the child is enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary
school or is a full-time student at an accredited college or
university;

42 whichever period is longer. However, if the board finds upon the



1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

15

16 17

34

35

36

37

1 submission of satisfactory proof that a child who is at least 2 eighteen (18) years of age is mentally or physically incapacitated, 3 is not a ward of the state, and is not receiving a benefit under 4 clause (B), the child is entitled to receive an amount each month 5 that is equal to the greater of thirty percent (30%) of the monthly 6 pay of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter or fifty-five 7 percent (55%) of the monthly benefit the deceased member was 8 receiving or was entitled to receive on the date of the member's 9 death as long as the mental or physical incapacity of the child 10 continues. Benefits paid for a child shall be paid to the surviving parent as long as the child resides with and is supported by the 11 12 surviving parent. If the surviving parent dies, the benefits shall be 13 paid to the legal guardian of the child.

(2) The member's surviving spouse is entitled to a monthly benefit
equal to sixty percent (60%) of the fund member's monthly
benefit during the spouse's lifetime. If the spouse remarried before
September 1, 1983, and benefits ceased on the date of remarriage,
the benefits for the surviving spouse shall be reinstated on July 1,
1997, and continue during the life of the surviving spouse.

20 If a fund member dies while receiving retirement or disability benefits, 21 there is no surviving eligible child or spouse, and there is proof 22 satisfactory to the local board, subject to review in the manner 23 specified in section 13.1(c) of this chapter, that the parent was wholly 24 dependent on the fund member, the member's surviving parent is 25 entitled, or both surviving parents if qualified are entitled jointly, to 26 receive fifty percent (50%) of the fund member's monthly benefit 27 during the parent's or parents' lifetime. As used in this subsection, a 28 parent is wholly dependent on a fund member if the fund member 29 claimed the parent as a dependent on the federal income tax return filed 30 by the fund member in the year before the year in which the fund 31 member died. 32

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a fund member dies while on active duty or while retired and not receiving benefits, the member's children and the member's spouse, or the member's parent or parents are entitled to receive a monthly benefit determined under subsection (b). If the fund member did not have at least twenty (20) years of service or was not at least fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the benefit is computed as if the member:

- (1) did have twenty (20) years of service; and
- 41 (2) was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in
 42 section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter.



33

34

35

36

37

38

39

1 SECTION 7. IC 36-8-8-13.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.23-2010, 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 3 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 13.9. (a) This section applies to an active member 4 who died in the line of duty (as defined in section 14.1 of this chapter) 5 before September 1, 1982. 6 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a fund 7 member dies in the line of duty, the following apply: 8 (1) Each of the member's surviving children is entitled to a 9 monthly benefit equal to twenty percent (20%) of the fund 10 member's monthly benefit: (A) until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age; or 11 12 (B) until the child becomes twenty-three (23) years of age if 13 the child is enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary 14 school or is a full-time student at an accredited college or 15 university; whichever period is longer. However, if the board finds upon the 16 17 submission of satisfactory proof that a child who is at least 18 eighteen (18) years of age is mentally or physically incapacitated, 19 is not a ward of the state, and is not receiving a benefit under 20 clause (B), the child is entitled to receive an amount each month 21 that is equal to the greater of thirty percent (30%) of the monthly 22 pay of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter or fifty-five 23 percent (55%) of the monthly benefit the deceased member was 24 receiving or was entitled to receive on the date of the member's 25 death as long as the mental or physical incapacity of the child continues. Benefits paid for a child shall be paid to the surviving 26 27 parent as long as the child resides with and is supported by the 28 surviving parent. If the surviving parent dies, the benefits shall be 29 paid to the legal guardian of the child. (2) The member's surviving spouse is entitled to a monthly benefit 30 31 equal to sixty percent (60%) of the fund member's monthly 32 benefit during the spouse's lifetime. If the spouse remarried before 33 September 1, 1983, and benefits ceased on the date of remarriage, 34 the benefits for the surviving spouse shall be reinstated on July 1, 35 1997, and continue during the life of the surviving spouse. 36 If there is no surviving eligible child or spouse, and there is proof 37 satisfactory to the local board, subject to review in the manner 38 specified in section 13.1(c) of this chapter, that the parent was wholly 39 dependent on the fund member, the member's surviving parent is 40 entitled, or both surviving parents if qualified are entitled jointly, to 41 receive fifty percent (50%) of the fund member's monthly benefit 42 during the parent's or parents' lifetime. As used in this subsection, a



1 parent is wholly dependent on a fund member if the fund member 2 claimed the parent as a dependent on the federal income tax return filed 3 by the fund member in the year before the year in which the fund 4 member died. 5 (c) If the fund member did not have at least twenty (20) years of 6 service or was not at least fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the benefit under 7 8 subsection (b) is computed as if the member: 9 (1) did have twenty (20) years of service; and (2) was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in 10 section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter. 11 12 (d) The unit of local government that employed the deceased member shall after December 31, 2003, offer to provide and pay for 13 health insurance coverage for the member's surviving spouse and for 14 each natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the member: 15 16 (1) until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age; (2) until the child becomes twenty-three (23) years of age if the 17 18 child is enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school or 19 is a full-time student at an accredited college or university; or 20 (3) during the entire period of the child's physical or mental 21 disability; 22 whichever period is longest. If health insurance coverage is offered by 23 the unit to active members, the health insurance provided to a surviving 24 spouse and child under this subsection must be equal in coverage to 25 that offered to active members. The offer to provide and pay for health 26 insurance coverage shall remain open for as long as there is a surviving 27 spouse or as long as a natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the 28 member is eligible for coverage under subdivision (1), (2), or (3). 29 SECTION 8. IC 36-8-8-14.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.23-2010, 30 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 31 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 14.1. (a) Benefits paid under this section are 32 subject to section 2.5 of this chapter. 33 (b) This section applies to an active member who dies in the line of 34 duty after August 31, 1982. 35 (c) If a fund member dies in the line of duty after August 31, 1982, 36 the member's surviving spouse is entitled to a monthly benefit during 37 the spouse's lifetime, equal to the benefit to which the member would 38 have been entitled on the date of the member's death, but not less than 39 the benefit payable to a member with twenty (20) years service at 40 fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 41 10(c) of this chapter. If the spouse remarried before September 1, 42 1983, and benefits ceased on the date of remarriage, the benefits for the



surviving spouse shall be reinstated on July 1, 1997, and continue during the life of the surviving spouse.

(d) If a fund member dies in the line of duty, each of the member's surviving children is entitled to a monthly benefit equal to twenty percent (20%) of the fund member's monthly benefit:

(1) until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age; or

(2) until the child reaches twenty-three (23) years of age if the child is enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school or is a full-time student at an accredited college or university;

10 whichever period is longer. However, if the board finds upon the 11 submission of satisfactory proof that a child who is at least eighteen (18) years of age is mentally or physically incapacitated, is not a ward 12 13 of the state, and is not receiving a benefit under subdivision (2), the 14 child is entitled to receive an amount each month that is equal to the 15 greater of thirty percent (30%) of the monthly pay of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter or fifty-five percent (55%) of the 16 17 monthly benefit the deceased member was receiving or was entitled to 18 receive on the date of the member's death as long as the mental or 19 physical incapacity of the child continues. Benefits paid for a child 20 shall be paid to the surviving parent as long as the child resides with 21 and is supported by the surviving parent. If the surviving parent dies, 22 the benefits shall be paid to the legal guardian of the child.

23 (e) If there is no surviving eligible child or spouse, and there is 24 proof satisfactory to the local board, subject to review in the manner 25 specified in section 13.1(c) of this chapter, that the parent was wholly dependent on the fund member, the member's surviving parent is 26 27 entitled, or both surviving parents if qualified are entitled jointly, to 28 receive fifty percent (50%) of the fund member's monthly benefit 29 during the parent's or parents' lifetime. As used in this subsection, a 30 parent is wholly dependent on a fund member if the fund member 31 claimed the parent as a dependent on the federal income tax return filed 32 by the fund member in the year before the year in which the fund 33 member died.

(f) If the fund member did not have at least twenty (20) years of service or was not at least fifty-two (52) years old the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, the benefit is computed as if the member:

(1) did have twenty (20) years of service; and

(2) was fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter.

(g) For purposes of this section, "dies in the line of duty" means death that occurs as a direct result of personal injury or illness caused



34

35 36

37

38

39

40

41 42

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

1	by incident, accident, or violence that results from:
2	(1) any action that the member, in the member's capacity as a
$\frac{2}{3}$	police officer:
4	(A) is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of
5	employment or service, or law to perform; or
6	(B) performs in the course of controlling or reducing crime or
7	enforcing the criminal law; or
8	(2) any action that the member, in the member's capacity as a
9	firefighter:
10	(A) is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of
11	employment or service, or law to perform; or
12	(B) performs while on the scene of an emergency run
13	(including false alarms) or on the way to or from the scene.
14	The term includes a death presumed incurred in the line of duty under
15	IC 5-10-13.
16	(h) The unit of local government that employed the deceased
17	member shall after December 31, 2003, offer to provide and pay for
18	health insurance coverage for the member's surviving spouse and for
19	each natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the member:
20	(1) until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age;
21	(2) until the child becomes twenty-three (23) years of age if the
22	child is enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school or
23	is a full-time student at an accredited college or university; or
24	(3) during the entire period of the child's physical or mental
25	disability;
26	whichever period is longest. If health insurance coverage is offered by
27	the unit to active members, the health insurance provided to a surviving
28	spouse and child under this subsection must be equal in coverage to
29	that offered to active members. The offer to provide and pay for health
30	insurance coverage shall remain open for as long as there is a surviving
31	spouse or as long as a natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the
32	member is eligible for coverage under subdivision (1) , (2) , or (3) .
33	SECTION 9. IC 36-8-8-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2015,
34	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35	JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 18. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if a
36	unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund, credit for prior service by
37	police officers (including prior service as a full-time, fully paid town
38	marshal or full-time, fully paid deputy town marshal by a police officer
39	employed by a metropolitan board of police commissioners) or by
40	firefighters before the date of participation may be given by the system
41	board only if:
42	(1) the unit contributes to the 1977 fund the amount necessary to

IN 75—LS 6300/DI 102



1 amortize prior service liability over a period of not more than 2 thirty (30) years, the amount and period to be determined by the 3 system board; and 4 (2) the police officers or firefighters pay, either in a lump sum or 5 in a series of payments determined by the system board, the 6 amount that they would have contributed if they had been 7 members of the 1977 fund during their prior service. 8 If the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) are not met, a fund 9 member is entitled to credit only for years of service after the date of 10 participation. 11 (b) If a unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund under section 3(c) of this chapter, or if a firefighter becomes a member of the 1977 12 13 fund under section 7(g) of this chapter, credit for prior service before 14 the date of participation or membership shall be given by the system 15 board as follows: 16 (1) For a member who will accrue twenty (20) years of service 17 credit in the 1977 fund by the time the member reaches the 18 earliest retirement age under the fund at the time of the member's 19 date of participation in the 1977 fund, the member will be given 20 credit in the 1977 fund for one-third (1/3) of the member's years 21 of participation in PERF as a police officer, a firefighter, or an 22 emergency medical technician. 23 (2) For a member who will not accrue twenty (20) years of service 24 credit in the 1977 fund by the time the member reaches the 25 earliest retirement age under the fund at the time of the member's date of participation in the 1977 fund, credit for such prior service 26 27 shall be given only if: 28 (A) The unit contributes to the 1977 fund the amount 29 necessary to fund prior service liability amortized over a 30 period of not more than ten (10) years. The amount of 31 contributions must be based on the actual salary earned by a 32 first class patrolman or a first class firefighter at the time the 33 unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund, or the police 34 officer or firefighter becomes a member of the 1977 fund, or 35 if no such salary designation exists, the actual salary earned by the police officer or firefighter. The limit on credit for prior 36 37 service does not apply to a firefighter if the firefighter was a 38 member of the 1937 fund or 1977 fund whose participation 39 was terminated due to the creation of a new fire protection 40 district under IC 36-8-11-5 and who subsequently became a 41 member of the 1977 fund. A firefighter who was a member of 42 or reentered the 1937 fund or 1977 fund whose participation



1	was terminated due to the creation of a new fire protection
2	district under IC 36-8-11-5 is entitled to full credit for prior
3	service in an amount equal to the firefighter's years of service
4	before becoming a member of or reentering the 1977 fund.
5	Service may only be credited for time as a full-time, fully paid
6	police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician
7	under section $7(g)$ of this chapter.
8	(B) The amount the police officer or firefighter would have
9	contributed if the police officer or firefighter had been a
10	member of the 1977 fund during the police officer's or
11	firefighter's prior service must be fully paid and must be based
12	on the police officer's or firefighter's actual salary earned
12	during that period before service can be credited under this
13	section.
15	(C) Any amortization schedule for contributions paid under
16	clause (A) and contributions to be paid under clause (B) must
17	include interest at a rate determined by the system board.
18	(3) If, at the time a unit entered the 1977 fund, the unit
19	contributed the amount required by subdivision (2) so that a fund
20	member received the maximum prior service credit allowed by
20	subdivision (2) and, at a later date, the earliest retirement age was
$\frac{21}{22}$	lowered, the unit may contribute to the 1977 fund on the fund
22	member's behalf an additional amount that is determined in the
23 24	
24 25	same manner as under subdivision (2) with respect to the
	additional prior service, if any, available as a result of the lower
26	retirement age. If the unit pays the additional amount described in
27	this subdivision in accordance with the requirements of
28	subdivision (2), the fund member shall receive the additional
29	service credit necessary for the fund member to retire at the lower
30	earliest retirement age.
31	(c) This subsection applies to a unit that:
32	(1) becomes a participant in the 1977 fund under section 3(c) of
33	this chapter; and
34	(2) is a fire protection district created under IC 36-8-11 that
35	includes a township or a municipality that had a 1937 fund.
36	A firefighter who continues uninterrupted service with a unit covered
37	by this subsection and who participated in the township or municipality
38	1937 fund is entitled to receive service credit for such service in the
39	1977 fund. However, credit for such service is limited to the amount
40	accrued by the firefighter in the 1937 fund or the amount necessary to
41	allow the firefighter to accrue twenty (20) years of service credit in the
42	1977 fund by the time the firefighter becomes fifty-two (52) years of



1	the applicable are specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter
1 2	the applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, whichever is less.
$\frac{2}{3}$	(d) The unit shall contribute into the 1977 fund the amount
4	necessary to fund the amount of past service determined in accordance
5	with subsection (c), amortized over a period not to exceed ten (10)
6	years with interest at a rate determined by the system board.
7	(e) If the township or municipality has accumulated money in its
8	1937 fund, any amount accumulated that exceeds the present value of
9	all projected future benefits from the 1937 plan shall be paid by the
10	township or municipality to the unit for the sole purpose of making the
10	contributions determined in subsection (d).
11	(f) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the
12	applicable regulations, the 1977 fund may accept, on behalf of a fund
13 14	
14	member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter, a rollover of a distribution from any of the following:
15	(1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a)
10	of the Internal Revenue Code.
17	(2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of
10	the Internal Revenue Code.
20	(3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political
20	subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or
$\frac{21}{22}$	political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the
22	Internal Revenue Code.
23 24	(4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in
25	Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.
26	(g) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the
27	applicable regulations, the 1977 fund may accept, on behalf of a fund
28	member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter,
29	a trustee to trustee transfer from any of the following:
30	(1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of
31	the Internal Revenue Code.
32	(2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b)
33	of the Internal Revenue Code.
34	SECTION 10. IC 36-8-8-18.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.35-2012,
35	SECTION 137, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
36	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 18.1. (a) As used in this section,
37	"police officer" includes a former full-time, fully paid town marshal or
38	full-time, fully paid deputy town marshal who is employed as a police
39	officer by a metropolitan board of police commissioners.
40	(b) If a unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund and the unit
41	previously covered police officers, firefighters, or emergency medical
42	technicians in PERF, or if the employees of the unit become members
. 4	to the unit of the set of the unit of the unit of the fille of the



 2 provisions apply: 3 (1) A minimum benefit applies to members electing to transfer 4 being transferred to the 1977 fund from PERF. The minimum 	um
4 being transferred to the 1977 fund from PERF. The minim	um
	d in
5 benefit, payable at the applicable age fifty-two (52), specified	
6 section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, for such a member equ	
7 the actuarial equivalent of the vested retirement benefit paya	
8 to the member upon normal retirement under IC 5-10.2-4-1 a	s of
9 the day before the transfer, based solely on:	
10 (A) creditable service;	
11 (B) the average of the annual compensation; and	
12 (C) the amount credited to the annuity savings account;	
13 of the transferring member as of the day before the transfer un	der
14 IC 5-10.2 and IC 5-10.3.	
15 (2) The system board shall transfer from PERF to the 1977 f	
16 the amount credited to the annuity savings accounts and	
17 present value of the retirement benefits payable at age sixty-	five
18 (65) attributable to the transferring members.	
19 (3) The amount the unit and the member must contribute to	the
20 1977 fund under section 18 of this chapter, if any service cru	edit
21 is to be given under that section, will be reduced by the amou	ints
transferred to the 1977 fund by the system board un	der
23 subdivision (2).	
24 (4) Credit for prior service in PERF of a member as a po	lice
25 officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical technician	n is
26 waived in PERF. Any credit for that service under the 1977 f	und
shall only be given in accordance with section 18 of this chap	ter.
28 (5) Credit for prior service in PERF of a member, other than a	as a
29 police officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical technic	ian,
30 remains in PERF and may not be credited under the 1977 fur	nd.
31 SECTION 11. IC 36-8-8-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.34-20	09,
32 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECT]	VE
33 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 23. (a) This section applies to a fund mem	ber
34 who:	
35 (1) after June 30, 2009, receives a benefit based or	n a
36 determination that the member has a Class 1 or Clas	s 2
37 impairment, regardless of whether the determination was m	ade
38 before, on, or after June 30, 2009; and	
39 (2) before July 1, 2009, has not had the member's disabi	lity
40 benefit recalculated under section 13.5 of this chapter.	•
41 (b) Upon becoming fifty-two (52) years of the applicable	age
42 specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter, a fund mem	

IN 75-LS 6300/DI 102



1	
1	receiving a Class 1 impairment benefit or Class 2 impairment benefit
2	under section 13.5(h)(2) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly
3	supplemental benefit determined in STEP THREE of the following
4	formula:
5	STEP ONE: Determine the greater of:
6	(A) the monthly retirement benefit payable to a fund member
7	with twenty (20) years of service; or
8	(B) the monthly retirement benefit payable to a fund member
9	with the total years of service (including both active service
10	and the period, not to exceed twenty (20) years, during which
11	the member received disability benefits) and salary, as of the
12	year the fund member becomes fifty-two (52) years of the
13	applicable age specified in section 10(b) or 10(c) of this
14	chapter, that the fund member would have earned if the fund
15	member had remained in active service until becoming
16	fifty-two (52) years of the applicable age specified in section
17	10(b) or 10(c) of this chapter.
18	STEP TWO: Subtract from the amount determined under STEP
19	ONE the amount of any monthly benefit determined under section
20	13.5 of this chapter that the fund member is entitled to receive for
21	the remainder of the fund member's life.
22	STEP THREE: Determine the greater of the following:
${23}$	(A) The remainder determined under STEP TWO.
24	(B) Zero (0).
25	(c) A monthly supplemental benefit determined under this section
26	is payable for the remainder of the fund member's life.
20	is payable for the remainder of the fund memoer sinc.



IN 75-LS 6300/DI 102