

**SENATE BILL No. 172**

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public  
2 employees retirement system and systems thereunder; increasing the  
3 lump-sum death benefit; amending K.S.A. 74-4989 and 74-49,315 and  
4 repealing the existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-4989 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
8 4989. (1) (a) Except as provided in *paragraph* (b), pursuant to the  
9 provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,128, and amendments thereto, upon the death  
10 of a retirant, the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees  
11 retirement system shall pay a lump-sum death benefit to: (i) The retirant's  
12 beneficiary ~~which~~ *that* shall not exceed ~~\$4,000~~ \$6,000 for such retirant,  
13 less any amount payable for funeral benefits under the applicable  
14 provisions of any local police or fire pension plan, as defined by  
15 ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 12-5001(c), and amendments thereto; or to~~ (ii) a  
16 funeral establishment as directed by the retirant and filed in the office of  
17 the system prior to such retirant's death.

18 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4923, and  
19 amendments thereto, any amounts owed the system shall be deducted from  
20 such lump-sum death benefit.

21 (2) As used in this section, "retirant" means any person who is a  
22 member or special member of the Kansas public employees retirement  
23 system, the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, the state school  
24 retirement system or the retirement system for judges and who has retired.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-49,315 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
26 49,315. A member's beneficiary shall be determined as provided in the pre-  
27 2015 plan. Upon filing a written application with the board after the death  
28 of a member receiving a benefit under ~~subsections (a) or (b) of K.S.A. 74-~~  
29 ~~49,313(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, the member's beneficiary is~~  
30 entitled to a ~~\$4,000~~ *the lump-sum* death benefit as provided in K.S.A. 74-  
31 4989, and amendments thereto.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-4989 and 74-49,315 are hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
34 publication in the statute book.