

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1356

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firefighters pension; authorizing an increase in pension benefits for certain firefighters; providing certain offset; specifying amount of benefit increase for certain firefighters; and providing for codification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 143.7 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section and except for persons receiving benefits pursuant to Section 49-101 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, effective July 1, 2019, any person receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as of June 30, 2019, who continues to receive benefits on or after July 1, 2019, shall receive an eight percent (8%) increase in the benefits on July 1, 2019.

B. Any person receiving a pension who became a member of the System prior to January 1, 1981, which was based upon a percentage

1 of the average salary paid to him or her during the last thirty (30)
2 or sixty (60) months of his or her service, shall have such pension,
3 or the pension of his or her surviving spouse, increased or
4 decreased by one-half (1/2) of all increases or decreases which
5 shall occur in the salary of the regular firefighters in the
6 municipality from which he or she is receiving a pension; provided
7 that ~~said~~ the pension shall never be reduced below the original
8 pension paid to him or her for that purpose. For the purposes of
9 this section, the term "regular firefighters" means salaried
10 firefighters who have reached their maximum salary in their
11 departments and have not been promoted to a position of rank. It
12 shall be a violation of this article to establish a special
13 classification for the purpose of evading the intent of this
14 section.

15 C. Any increase in benefits a person is eligible to receive
16 pursuant to subsection B of this section shall be used to offset the
17 increase in benefits provided in subsection A of this section.

18 D. Effective July 1, 2019, any persons receiving benefits
19 pursuant to Section 49-101 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes
20 shall each receive a benefit equal to Eight Dollars and thirteen
21 cents (\$8.13) for each year of credited service not to exceed thirty
22 (30) years of service.

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