

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 832

By: Weaver

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to emergency service personnel retirement; providing for a cost-of-living-adjustment to certain employees; providing for offsets under certain circumstances; defining terms; prohibiting establishing certain employee classification; 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 49-143.7 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, 2020, 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, 2020, shall receive a seven percent (7%) increase in the benefits on July 1, 2020.

B. Any increase in benefits a person is eligible to receive pursuant to subsection C of this section after June 30, 2018, shall

1 be used to offset the increase in benefits provided in subsection A
2 of this section.

3 C. Any person receiving a pension who became a member of the
4 System prior to January 1, 1981, which was based upon a percentage
5 of the average salary paid to him or her during the last thirty (30)
6 or sixty (60) months of his or her service, shall have such pension,
7 or the pension of his or her surviving spouse, increased or
8 decreased by one-half (1/2) of all increases or decreases which
9 shall occur in the salary of the regular firefighters in the
10 municipality from which the person is receiving a pension; provided
11 that the pension shall never be reduced below the original pension
12 paid to such person for that purpose. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, the term "regular firefighters" means salaried
14 firefighters who have reached their maximum salary as "privates" in
15 their departments and have not been promoted to a position of rank.
16 It shall be a violation of this subsection to establish a special
17 classification for the purpose of evading the intent of this
18 subsection.

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 50-136.9 of Title 11, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, any
23 person receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Police Pension and
24 Retirement System as of June 30, 2019, who continues to receive
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1 benefits on or after July 1, 2020, shall receive a seven percent
2 (7%) increase in the benefits on July 1, 2020.

3 B. Any increase in benefits a person is eligible to receive
4 pursuant to subsection C of this section after June 30, 2018, shall
5 be offset by the increase in benefits, if any, provided by this
6 section.

7 C. The pension of any member or beneficiary of any member whose
8 membership began prior to January 1, 1981, shall upon the increase
9 or decrease of the base salary of a regular police officer of a
10 municipality be adjusted by one-third (1/3) of such increase or
11 decrease, provided that no pension shall be less than one-third
12 (1/3) of the base salary of a regular police officer, nor be reduced
13 to an amount less than the pension at which the officer retired.

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