

SENATE BILL 2919

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-107, relative to death benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-107, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) Upon the death of a member prior to retirement on account of whom no benefit is payable under § 8-36-108, § 8-36-109 or part 6 of this chapter:

(A) The member's accumulated contributions shall be paid to such entity as the member shall have nominated by written designation, duly executed and filed with the board of trustees; and

(B) In the case of a noncontributory member, as defined in § 8-34-206(c), a lump sum amount shall be paid to the member's beneficiary in an amount equal to the amount of member contributions that the member would have contributed had the member been a contributory member.

(2) In the event that there are no surviving designated beneficiaries, payment shall be made to the member's estate in accordance with § 8-36-120.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-107(b), is amended by deleting the language "If such member shall have been" and by substituting instead the language "For any member described in subdivision (a)(1)(A) who was".

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be subject to the funding being provided in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.