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**SYNOPSIS**

Increases accidental death benefit to 70% of final compensation for surviving children of SPRS or PFRS member; redefines child in SPRS.

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on May 5, 2016, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the accidental death benefit in the State Police  
2 Retirement System <sup>1</sup>and the Police and Firemen's Retirement  
3 System<sup>1</sup> and amending and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89  
4 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>and P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.)<sup>1</sup>.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 3. As used in this act:

12 a. "Aggregate contributions" means the sum of all the amounts,  
13 deducted from the salary of a member or contributed by him or on  
14 his behalf, standing to the credit of his individual account in the  
15 Annuity Savings Fund. Interest credited on contributions to the  
16 former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" shall be  
17 included in a member's aggregate contributions.

18 b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the  
19 aggregate contributions of a member.

20 c. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments  
21 to be made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an  
22 annuity, computed upon the basis of such mortality tables  
23 recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees adopts and  
24 regular interest.

25 d. "Beneficiary" means any person entitled to receive any  
26 benefit pursuant to the provisions of this act by reason of the death  
27 of a member or retirant.

28 e. "Board of trustees" or "board" means the board provided for  
29 in section 30 of this act.

30 f. "Child" means a deceased member's or retirant's unmarried  
31 child either (a) under the age of 18, or (b) 18 years of age or older  
32 and enrolled in a secondary school, or (c) under the age of 24 and  
33 enrolled in a degree program in an institution of higher education  
34 for at least 12 credit hours in each semester, provided that the  
35 member died in active service as a result of an accident met in the  
36 actual performance of duty at some definite time and place, and the  
37 death was not the result of the member's willful misconduct, or (d)  
38 of any age who, at the time of the member's or retirant's death, is  
39 disabled because of an intellectual disability or physical incapacity,  
40 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the  
41 impairment and his impairment has lasted or can be expected to last  
42 for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, as affirmed by  
43 the medical board.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 5, 2016.

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- 1 g. "Creditable service" means service rendered for which credit  
2 is allowed on the basis of contributions made by the member or the  
3 State.
- 4 h. "Parent" means the parent of a member who was receiving at  
5 least one-half of his support from the member in the 12-month  
6 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident  
7 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency  
8 of such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the  
9 parent subsequent to the death of the member.
- 10 i. (1) "Final compensation" means the average compensation  
11 received by the member in the last 12 months of creditable service  
12 preceding his retirement or death. Such term includes the value of  
13 the member's maintenance allowance for this same period.
- 14 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the  
15 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010,  
16 c.1, "final compensation" means the average annual compensation  
17 for service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal  
18 years of membership providing the largest possible benefit to the  
19 member or the member's beneficiary. Such term includes the value  
20 of the member's maintenance allowance for this same period.
- 21 j. (1) "Final salary" means the average salary received by the  
22 member in the last 12 months of creditable service preceding his  
23 retirement or death. Such term shall not include the value of the  
24 member's maintenance allowance.
- 25 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the  
26 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,  
27 "final salary" means the average annual salary for service for which  
28 contributions are made during any three fiscal years of membership  
29 providing the largest possible benefit to the member or the  
30 member's beneficiary. Such term shall not include the value of the  
31 member's maintenance allowance.
- 32 k. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1 and  
33 ending with June 30 next following.
- 34 l. "Medical board" means the board of physicians provided for  
35 in section 30 of this act.
- 36 m. "Member" means any full-time, commissioned officer, non-  
37 commissioned officer or trooper of the Division of State Police of  
38 the Department of Law and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey  
39 enrolled in the retirement system established by this act.
- 40 n. "Pension" means payment for life derived from contributions  
41 by the State.
- 42 o. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to  
43 be made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of any pension  
44 computed on the basis of such mortality tables recommended by the  
45 actuary as shall be adopted by the board of trustees and regular  
46 interest.
- 47 p. "Regular interest" means interest as determined by the State  
48 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of

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1 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It  
2 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of  
3 earnings on investments based on the market value of the assets but  
4 shall not exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to  
5 salaries plus 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall  
6 not set the average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries  
7 below 6%.

8 q. "Retirant" means any former member receiving a retirement  
9 allowance as provided by this act.

10 r. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.

11 s. "State Police Retirement System of New Jersey," herein also  
12 referred to as the "retirement system" or "system," is the corporate  
13 name of the arrangement for the payment of retirement allowances  
14 and of the benefits under the provisions of this act including the  
15 several funds placed under said system. By that name, all of its  
16 business shall be transacted, its funds invested, warrants for moneys  
17 drawn, and payments made and all of its cash and securities and  
18 other property held. All assets held in the name of the former  
19 "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" shall be transferred  
20 to the retirement system established by this act.

21 t. "Surviving spouse" means the person to whom a member or  
22 a retirant was married, or a domestic partner as defined in section 3  
23 of P.L.2003, c.246 (C.26:8A-3), on the date of the death of the  
24 member or retirant. The dependency of such a surviving spouse will  
25 be considered terminated by the marriage of, or establishment of a  
26 domestic partnership by, the surviving spouse subsequent to the  
27 member's or the retirant's death, except that in the event of the  
28 payment of accidental death benefits, pursuant to section 14 of  
29 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14), the dependency of such a surviving  
30 spouse or domestic partner will not be considered terminated by the  
31 marriage of, or establishment of a domestic partnership by, the  
32 surviving spouse subsequent to the member's death.

33 u. (1) "Compensation" for purposes of computing pension  
34 contributions means the base salary, for services as a member as  
35 defined in this act, which is in accordance with established salary  
36 policies of the State for all employees in the same position but shall  
37 not include individual salary adjustments which are granted  
38 primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or additional  
39 remuneration for performing temporary duties beyond the regular  
40 workday or shift.

41 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the  
42 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,  
43 "compensation" means the amount of base salary equivalent to the  
44 annual maximum wage contribution base for Social Security,  
45 pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, for services as  
46 a member as defined in this act, which is in accordance with  
47 established salary policies of the State for all employees in the same  
48 position but shall not include individual salary adjustments which

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1 are granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or  
2 additional remuneration for performing temporary duties beyond  
3 the regular workday or shift.

4 v. "Veteran" means any person who has served in the United  
5 States Armed Forces and has or shall be discharged or released  
6 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the  
7 following wars or emergencies, and who has presented to the  
8 retirement system evidence of such record of service in form and  
9 content satisfactory to the retirement system:

10 (1) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or  
11 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such  
12 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a  
13 course of education or training under the Army Specialized  
14 Training Program or the Navy College Training Program which  
15 course was a continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to  
16 completion, or (2) as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service  
17 academies, any part of which 90 days was served between said  
18 dates; and exclusive of any service performed pursuant to the  
19 provisions of section 511 (d) of Title 10, United States Code,  
20 pursuant to an enlistment in the Army National Guard or as a  
21 reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force  
22 Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve; provided,  
23 that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or  
24 disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
25 has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

26 (2) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,  
27 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively  
28 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a  
29 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
30 commencing on or before December 1, 1987 or the date of  
31 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the  
32 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the  
33 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an  
34 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a  
35 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'  
36 service as herein provided;

37 (3) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23,  
38 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively  
39 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a  
40 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
41 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of  
42 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the  
43 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the  
44 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an  
45 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a  
46 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'  
47 service as herein provided;

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1 (4) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20,  
2 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the  
3 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
4 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship  
5 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for  
6 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
7 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of  
8 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the  
9 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the  
10 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an  
11 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a  
12 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'  
13 service as herein provided;

14 (5) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the  
15 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990  
16 or the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the  
17 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
18 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on  
19 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a  
20 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
21 commencing on or before the date of termination of that mission, as  
22 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
23 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
24 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
25 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
26 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

27 (6) Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch,  
28 on or after August 27, 1992, or the date of inception of that  
29 operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States,  
30 Congress or United States Secretary of Defense, whichever date of  
31 inception is earliest, who served in the theater of operation,  
32 including in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, and in  
33 direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the  
34 aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service, commencing on  
35 or before the date of termination of that operation, as proclaimed by  
36 the President of the United States, Congress or United States  
37 Secretary of Defense, whichever date of termination is the latest;  
38 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
39 or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a  
40 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'  
41 service as herein provided;

42 (7) Operation "Restore Hope" in Somalia, on or after December  
43 5, 1992, or the date of inception of that operation as proclaimed by  
44 the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date is  
45 earliest, who has served in Somalia or on board any ship actively  
46 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a  
47 period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such  
48 active service commencing on or before March 31, 1994; provided

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1 that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or  
2 disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
3 has completed the 14-day service as herein provided;

4 (8) Operations "Joint Endeavor" and "Joint Guard" in the  
5 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on or after November 20,  
6 1995, who served in such active service in direct support of one or  
7 both of the operations for at least 14 days, continuously or in the  
8 aggregate, commencing on or before June 20, 1998, and (1) was  
9 deployed in that nation or in another area in the region, or (2) was  
10 on board a United States naval vessel operating in the Adriatic Sea,  
11 or (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of Bosnia and  
12 Herzegovina; provided that any person receiving an actual service-  
13 incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or  
14 not that person completed the 14-day service requirement;

15 (9) Operation "Enduring Freedom", on or after September 11,  
16 2001, who served in a theater of operation and in direct support of  
17 that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at  
18 least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the  
19 date the President of the United States or the United States  
20 Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that  
21 operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-  
22 incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be  
23 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
24 days' service as herein provided; and

25 (10) Operation "Iraqi Freedom", on or after the date the  
26 President of the United States or the United States Secretary of  
27 Defense designates as the inception date of that operation, who  
28 served in Iraq or in another area in the region in direct support of  
29 that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at  
30 least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the  
31 date the President of the United States or the United States  
32 Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that  
33 operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-  
34 incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be  
35 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
36 days' service as herein provided.

37 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.1)

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39 2. Section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 14. a. Upon the death of a member in active service as a result  
42 of:

43 (1) an accident met in the actual performance of duty at some  
44 definite time and place, or

45 (2) service in the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the  
46 United States or the National Guard in a federal active duty status,  
47 and such death was not the result of the member's willful  
48 negligence, an accidental death benefit shall be payable if a report



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1 of the accident is filed in the office of the Division of State Police  
2 within 60 days next following the accident, but the board of trustees  
3 may waive such time limit, for a reasonable period, if in the  
4 judgment of the board the circumstances warrant such action. No  
5 such application shall be valid or acted upon unless it is filed in the  
6 office of the retirement system within five years of the date of such  
7 death.

8 b. (1) Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a  
9 member on account of which an accidental death benefit is payable,  
10 there shall be paid to the surviving spouse a pension of 70% of final  
11 compensation or of adjusted final compensation, as appropriate, for  
12 the use of that spouse and children of the deceased, to continue for  
13 as long as the person qualifies as a "surviving spouse" for the  
14 purposes of this act. If there is no surviving spouse or in case the  
15 spouse dies, [20%] 70% of final compensation or of adjusted final  
16 compensation, as the case may be, will be payable to [one surviving  
17 child, 35% of final compensation or of adjusted final compensation,  
18 as the case may be, to two surviving children in equal shares and if  
19 there be three or more children, 50% of final compensation or of  
20 adjusted final compensation, as the case may be, will be payable to  
21 such] the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal  
22 shares.

23 If there is no surviving spouse or child, 25% of final  
24 compensation will be payable to one surviving parent or 40% of  
25 final compensation will be payable to two surviving parents in  
26 equal shares.

27 As used in this paragraph, "adjusted final compensation" means  
28 the amount of final compensation or final compensation as adjusted,  
29 as the case may be, increased by the same percentage increase  
30 which is applied in any adjustments of the compensation schedule  
31 of active members after the member's death and before the date on  
32 which the deceased member of the retirement system would have  
33 accrued 25 years of service under an assumption of continuous  
34 service, at which time the amount resulting from such increases  
35 shall become fixed and shall be the basis for adjustments pursuant  
36 to the Pension Adjustment Act, P.L.1958, c.143 (C.43:3B-1 et seq.).  
37 Any adjustments to final compensation or adjusted final  
38 compensation shall take effect at the same time as any adjustments  
39 in the compensation schedule of active members. The provisions of  
40 the Pension Adjustment Act shall not apply to any pension based  
41 upon adjusted final compensation other than the fixed pension in  
42 effect at the conclusion of the 25-year period.

43 (2) In the event of accidental death occurring in the first year of  
44 creditable service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection,  
45 shall be computed at the annual rate of compensation.

46 c. If there is no surviving spouse, child or parent, there shall be  
47 paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased member, his aggregate  
48 contributions at the time of death.

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1 d. In no case shall the death benefits provided in subsection b.  
2 be less than that provided under subsection c.

3 e. In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under  
4 subsection a. or b., there shall also be paid in one sum to the  
5 member's beneficiary, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times final  
6 compensation.

7 f. (Deleted by amendment.)

8 g. (Deleted by amendment.)

9 h. In addition to the foregoing benefits, the State shall pay to  
10 the member's employer-sponsored health insurance program all  
11 health insurance premiums for the coverage of the member's  
12 surviving spouse and surviving children.

13 (cf: P.L.2009, c.23, s.2)

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15 3. (New section) The change to the definition of "child" made  
16 pursuant to the amendment of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-  
17 3) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and  
18 the adjustment in the benefit to a surviving child or children made  
19 pursuant to the amendment of section 14 of P.L.1965,  
20 c.89 (C.53:5A-14) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature  
21 as this bill) shall apply to a benefit entitlement initially granted on  
22 or after January 1, 2016, and, if granted on or after that date but  
23 before the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
24 Legislature as this bill), still in effect on that effective date. The  
25 adjustment in benefits to a surviving child or children pursuant to  
26 the amendment of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14) by  
27 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall apply  
28 only for benefit payments made after the effective date of P.L. ,  
29 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill). No surviving  
30 child of a deceased member of the retirement system shall be  
31 granted a retroactive payment based upon the difference between  
32 the benefit the person would have received if the adjustment made  
33 pursuant to the amendment of section 14 of P.L.1965,  
34 c.89 (C.53:5A-14) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature  
35 as this bill) had been applicable at the date of entitlement and the  
36 benefit that the surviving child has received from the date of  
37 entitlement to the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
38 Legislature as this bill).

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40 '4. Section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10) is amended to  
41 read as follows:

42 10. (1) Upon the death of a member in active service as a result  
43 of:

44 (a) an accident met in the actual performance of duty at some  
45 definite time and place, or

46 (b) service in the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the  
47 United States or the National Guard in a federal active duty status,  
48 and such death was not the result of the member's willful

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1 negligence, an accidental death benefit shall be payable if a report  
2 of the accident is filed in the office of the retirement system within  
3 60 days next following the accident, but the board of trustees may  
4 waive such time limit, for a reasonable period, if in the judgment of  
5 the board the circumstances warrant such action. No such  
6 application shall be valid or acted upon unless it is filed in the  
7 office of the retirement system within five years of the date of such  
8 death.

9 The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to a member  
10 who is a fireman and who dies as a result of an accident met in the  
11 actual performance of duty as a volunteer fireman in any  
12 municipality in the State, provided the member's death was not the  
13 result of the member's willful negligence.

14 (2) Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member  
15 on account of which an accidental death benefit is payable, there  
16 shall be paid to his widow or widower a pension of 70% of the  
17 compensation, upon which contributions by the member to the  
18 annuity savings fund were based in the last year of creditable  
19 service, for the use of herself or himself and the children of the  
20 deceased member; if there is no surviving widow or widower or in  
21 case the widow or widower dies, [20%] 70% of such compensation  
22 will be payable to [one surviving child, 35% of such compensation  
23 to two surviving children in equal shares and if there be three or  
24 more children, 50% of such compensation will be payable to such]  
25 the member's surviving child or surviving children in equal shares.

26 If there is no surviving widow, widower or child, 25% of the  
27 compensation upon which contributions by the member to the  
28 annuity savings fund were based in the last year of creditable  
29 service, will be payable to one surviving dependent parent or 40%  
30 of such compensation will be payable to two surviving parents in  
31 equal shares.

32 In the event of accidental death occurring in the first year of  
33 creditable service, the benefits, payable pursuant to this subsection,  
34 shall be computed at the annual rate of compensation.

35 (3) If there is no surviving widow, widower, child or dependent  
36 parent, there shall be paid to any other beneficiary of the deceased  
37 member, his aggregate contributions at the time of death.

38 (4) In no case shall the death benefit provided in subsection (2)  
39 be less than that provided under subsection (3).

40 (5) In addition to the foregoing benefits payable under  
41 subsection (2) or (3), there shall also be paid in one sum to such  
42 beneficiary, if living, as the member shall have nominated by  
43 written designation duly executed and filed with the retirement  
44 system, otherwise to the executor or administrator of the member's  
45 estate, an amount equal to 3 1/2 times the compensation upon which  
46 contributions by the member to the annuity savings fund were based  
47 in the last year of creditable service.

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1 (6) In addition to the foregoing benefits, the State shall pay to  
2 the member's employer-sponsored health insurance program all  
3 health insurance premiums for the coverage of the member's  
4 surviving widow or widower and dependent children.<sup>1</sup>

5 (cf: P.L.2009, c.23, s.1)

6  
7 '5 (New section) The adjustment in the benefit to a surviving  
8 child or children made pursuant to the amendment of section 10 of  
9 P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10) by P.L. , c. (pending before the  
10 Legislature as this bill) shall apply to a benefit entitlement initially  
11 granted on or after January 1, 2016, and, if granted on or after that  
12 date but before the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before  
13 the Legislature as this bill), still in effect on that effective date. The  
14 adjustment in benefits to a surviving child or children pursuant to  
15 the amendment of section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10) by  
16 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall apply  
17 only for benefit payments made after the effective date of P.L. ,  
18 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill). No surviving  
19 child of a deceased member of the retirement system shall be  
20 granted a retroactive payment based upon the difference between  
21 the benefit the person would have received if the adjustment made  
22 pursuant to the amendment of section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255  
23 (C.43:16A-10) by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as  
24 this bill) had been applicable at the date of entitlement and the  
25 benefit that the surviving child has received from the date of  
26 entitlement to the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
27 Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

28  
29 '[4.] 6.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.