

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Provides relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2256(H)(1)(a) and (2)(b), relative to the Firefighters'  
3 Retirement System; to provide relative to survivor benefits for children with a  
4 disability; to provide for the designation of a beneficiary; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
8 of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:2256(H)(1)(a) and (2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
11 read as follows:

12 §2256. Benefits; refund of contributions, application, and payment

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14 H.(1)(a) A surviving eligible spouse who is receiving a survivor benefit  
15 pursuant to Subsection B of this Section ~~may~~ may, no later than thirty days after the  
16 member's death, designate his deceased spouse's child or children with a permanent  
17 mental or physical disability, hereafter in this Subsection referred to as a child with  
18 a disability, or the deceased member's dependent minor child or children, hereafter  
19 in this Subsection referred to as a minor child, to receive a specified amount of  
20 benefits payable to the surviving eligible spouse. Prior to any such payment to a



Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill:

1. Removes provision requiring when benefits are to be paid to a child with a disability.
2. Adds a time frame for when a surviving eligible spouse has to designate a child or children with a permanent mental or physical disability to receive a portion of a deceased member's benefit.