

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 224 (SB 3)

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Peacock

Prior law provided for the survivor benefits for the spouses and children of certain members of Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) who are in the various hazardous duty plans, including wildlife agents, certain public safety and correction employees, and harbor police, who were killed in the line of duty or died from the direct result of an injury received while in the line of duty.

New law provides for the survivor benefit for the spouse and children of a member of a hazardous duty plan killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence. Provides that the benefit shall be equal to 100% of the member's average compensation without regard to the amount of time that the deceased was a member of the plan.

New law extends the same benefit to a member of the regular plan who, had his first employment making him eligible for membership in any state system occurred on or after Dec. 31, 2010, would have been eligible for membership in the hazardous duty plan and did not opt to transfer his service into the hazardous duty plan. Provides that when a child who is not handicapped or mentally incapacitated no longer meets the definition of a minor child, then his benefit will cease and the remaining beneficiaries will have their shares adjusted accordingly.

New law provides that the LASERS board of trustees shall electronically notify all members of the legislature when a survivor benefit is granted pursuant to new law.

New law provides that the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund board of trustees shall electronically notify all members of the legislature when a survivor benefit is granted pursuant to prior law (R.S. 11:2178(D)(4)).

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 15, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 11:478(E), 585, 586(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 587, 618(B), and 3685(A)(2)(e); adds R.S. 11:478(F), 586(A)(5), and 604(F))