## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to benefits of a child or children with a disability in the Firefighters' Retirement System.

<u>Present law</u> provides that survivor payments are payable to a child who has a total physical or an intellectual disability, who had such disability at the time of death of the member or retiree, and who is dependent upon the surviving spouse or other legal guardian for subsistence.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that survivor benefits are payable to such a child if the child had the disability at the time of the retirement of the retiree, rather than the death of the retiree, and removes the requirement that the child be dependent on the surviving spouse or other legal guardian.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if a surviving spouse irrevocably designates a child with a disability to receive a benefit, the benefit continues unless the disabling condition is medically determined to not be permanent.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the condition that the disability be medically determined to not be permanent. Allows the benefit to continue for the life of the child.

(Amends R.S. 11:2256(B)(3)(a) and (H)(2)(b))