

surviving spouse or beneficiary qualifies for benefits under division (A) of this section, the surviving spouse or beneficiary may elect to receive benefits under division (A) of this section. The benefits shall be effective on the first day of the month immediately following the termination.

(D) The final average salary used in the calculation of a benefit payable pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section to a survivor or beneficiary of a disability benefit recipient shall be adjusted for each year between the disability benefit's effective date and the recipient's date of death by the lesser of three per cent or the actual average percentage increase in the consumer price index prepared by the United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers: "all items 1982-84=100").

(E) If the survivor benefits due and paid under this section are in a total amount less than the member's accumulated account that was transferred from the public employees' savings fund to the survivors' benefit fund, then the difference between the total amount of the benefits paid shall be paid to the beneficiary under section 145.43 of the Revised Code.

~~Sec. 145.452. Upon the death of a member prior to receipt of service retirement, the surviving spouse or dependents of the deceased member shall have the right to purchase any service credit the member, had the member not died, would have been eligible to purchase under this chapter upon the same terms and conditions that the deceased member could have purchased such service credit had the member not died. The surviving spouse of a member who dies on or after the effective date of this amendment may continue any service credit purchase the member initiated before death. A purchase shall be considered to have been initiated before the member's death if the member made one or more payments for the purchase before death. Any~~

Any service credit purchased under this section shall be applied under the provisions of this chapter in the same manner as it would have been applied had it been purchased by the deceased member during the deceased member's lifetime.

Sec. 145.46. (A) A retirement allowance calculated under section 145.33, 145.331, or ~~145.34~~ 145.332 of the Revised Code shall be paid as provided in this section. ~~If the member is eligible to elect a plan of payment under this section, the election shall be made on a form provided by the public employees retirement board. A plan of payment elected under this section shall be effective only if approved by the board, which shall approve it only if it is certified by an actuary engaged by the board to be the actuarial equivalent of the retirement allowance calculated under section 145.33,~~