

fund, and public employees retirement 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 3307.562 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3307.661. On the death of a retirant or disability benefit recipient who at the time of death is receiving, under the STRS defined benefit plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, a service retirement allowance or disability benefit, the state teachers retirement system shall make a lump-sum payment of one thousand dollars to any designated or qualified beneficiary under division (D)(1) of section 3307.562 of the Revised Code. If there is no beneficiary, the state teachers retirement board may approve payment to either the person responsible for the burial expenses or to the decedent's estate following the completion of an application on a form approved by the board.

A benefit paid under this section shall be treated as life insurance for purposes of this chapter and shall be funded solely from contributions made under section 3307.28 of the Revised Code on behalf of members participating in the STRS defined benefit plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, and any earnings attributable to those contributions.

Sec. 3307.67. (A) The Except as provided in divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the state teachers retirement board shall annually increase each allowance or benefit payable under sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code by three per cent, except that no the STRS defined benefit plan. Through July 31, 2013, the increase shall be three per cent. On and after August 1, 2013, the increase shall be two per cent. No allowance or benefit shall exceed the limit established by as annually determined pursuant to section 415 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 415, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto but before August 1, 2013. The limit may be adjusted in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

(B) The first increase is payable to all persons becoming eligible for an allowance or benefit after June 30, 1971, upon such persons receiving an allowance or benefit for twelve months. The For an allowance or benefit beginning on or after August 1, 2013, except for an allowance or benefit that was immediately preceded by a disability benefit granted prior to that date that has been terminated, the first increase is payable upon such persons receiving an allowance or benefit for sixty months.

The increased amount is payable for the ensuing twelve-month period or until the next increase is granted under this section, whichever is later. Subsequent increases shall be determined from the date of the first increase