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Sec. 5505.17. (A)(1) Upon ~~his~~ retirement as provided in section 5505.16 of the Revised Code, a member of the state highway patrol retirement system shall receive a life pension, without guaranty or refund, equal to the sum of two and one-half per cent of ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S final average salary multiplied by the first twenty years of ~~his~~ total service credit, plus two per cent of ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S final average salary for each of the twenty-first to twenty-fifth years, plus one and one-half per cent of ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of ~~his~~ total service credit in excess of twenty-five years; provided that in no case shall ~~his~~ THE pension exceed the lesser of seventy-two per cent of ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S final average salary or the limit established by section 415 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 415, as amended.

(2) A member with fifteen or more years of total service credit, who voluntarily resigns or who is discharged from the state highway patrol for any reason except ~~his~~ retirement under this chapter, death, dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, shall receive a pension equal to one and one-half per cent of ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of ~~his~~ total service credit, except that the pension shall not exceed the limit established by section 415 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 415, as amended. The pension shall commence at the end of the calendar month in which the application is filed with the retirement board on or after the attainment of age fifty-five years by the applicant. ~~In the event the~~ A member WHO withdraws any part or all of ~~his~~ THE accumulated contributions from the employees' savings fund, ~~he~~ shall thereupon forfeit all ~~his~~ rights to a pension provided for in this division.

(3)(a) A surviving spouse of a deceased member shall receive a monthly pension, determined as follows, during the spouse's life, ~~or until the spouse remarries~~:

(i) If at the time of ~~his~~ death the member was not eligible to be granted a pension payable under this section or to elect to receive a reduced pension payable under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code, ~~six~~ EIGHT hundred FIFTY dollars;

(ii) If at the time of ~~his~~ death the member was eligible to be granted a pension payable under this section or to elect to receive a reduced pension payable under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code, the greater of ~~six~~ EIGHT hundred FIFTY dollars or fifty per cent of the computed monthly pension the member would have received had ~~he~~ THE MEMBER been granted a pension under this section or elected to receive a reduced pension under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code.

(b) The surviving spouse of a retirant shall receive a monthly pension, determined as follows, during the spouse's life ~~or until remarriage~~:

(i) If the retirant had applied for a pension payable under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code, but at the time of ~~his~~ death had not attained the age of eligibility for the pension, ~~six~~ EIGHT hundred FIFTY dollars;

(ii) If the retirant had applied for a pension payable under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code and had attained the age of eligibility for the pension, but at the time of ~~his~~ death had not elected to begin receiving the pension, the greater of ~~six~~ EIGHT hundred FIFTY dollars or fifty per cent of the computed monthly pension the retirant was eligible to receive under section 5505.16 of the Revised Code;

(iii) If the retirant was receiving a pension under this section or section 5505.16 or 5505.18 of the Revised Code, or, regardless of whether or not ~~he~~ THE RETIRANT had actually received any payment, if the retirant was eligible to receive a pension under this section or section 5505.16 or 5505.18 of the Revised Code and had elected to begin receiving it, the greater of ~~six~~ EIGHT hundred FIFTY dollars or fifty per cent of the computed monthly pension awarded the retirant.

(c) ~~Benefits~~ IF A MONTHLY PENSION TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE WAS terminated ~~under this division~~ due to a ~~first~~ remarriage ~~shall resume if the remarriage ceases within two years due to divorce, annulment, dissolution, or death~~, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY PENSION UNDER DIVISION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT. THE PENSION SHALL BE COMPUTED UNDER DIVISION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT. THE PENSION PAYABLE TO A PERSON WHO IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MORE THAN ONE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBER OR RETIRANT SHALL BE COMPUTED ON THE BASIS OF THE SERVICE OF THE MEMBER OR RETIRANT TO WHOM THE SURVIVING SPOUSE WAS MOST RECENTLY MARRIED.

(4) A pension of one hundred FIFTY dollars per month shall be paid by the system to or for the benefit of each child of a deceased member or retirant until the child attains the age of eighteen years or marries, whichever event occurs first, or until the child attains twenty-three years of age if ~~he~~ THE CHILD is a student in and attending an institution of learning or training pursuant to a program designed to complete in each school year the equivalent of at least two-thirds of the full-time curriculum requirements of the institution, as determined by the retirement board. If any surviving child, regardless of ~~his~~ age at the time of the member's or retirant's death, because of physical or mental disability, was totally dependent upon the deceased member or retirant for support at the time of ~~his~~ death, a pension of one hundred FIFTY dollars per month shall be paid by the system to or for the benefit of the child during ~~his~~ THE CHILD'S natural life or until ~~he~~ THE CHILD recovers from the disability.

(5)(a) If a retirant died prior to June 6, 1988, and ~~his~~ THE surviving spouse was not married to the ~~deceased~~ retirant while ~~he~~ THE RETIRANT was in the active service of the patrol, the surviving spouse shall receive a pension of the greater of four hundred twenty-five dollars per month or fifty per cent of the computed monthly pension the retirant was receiving.

(b) If the pension payable to a person receiving a pension under division (A)(5)(a) of this section on November 2, 1989, is less than six hundred dollars per month, the pension shall be increased to six hundred dollars per month.

(c) IF THE PENSION PAYABLE TO A PERSON RECEIVING A PENSION UNDER DIVISION (A)(5)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS LESS THAN EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH, THE PENSION SHALL BE INCREASED TO EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.

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(6)(a) If a surviving spouse, child, or children of a deceased member or retirant has been granted benefits prior to November 18, 1981, such benefits shall be adjusted to comply thereafter with the benefit provision of this section, except that the adjusted benefits under division (A)(3) of this section shall not exceed four hundred twenty-five dollars per month.

(b) If the pension payable to the surviving spouse of a deceased member or retirant under division (A)(3) of this section is less than six hundred dollars per month, the pension shall be increased to six hundred dollars per month.

(c) IF THE PENSION PAYABLE TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED MEMBER OR RETIRANT UNDER DIVISION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS LESS THAN EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH, THE PENSION SHALL BE INCREASED TO EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.

(d) THE PENSION PAYABLE TO A CHILD OF A DECEASED MEMBER OR RETIRANT WHO IS RECEIVING A PENSION UNDER DIVISION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE INCREASED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.

(7) If a deceased member or retirant leaves no spouse or surviving children, but leaves two parents depending solely upon ~~him~~ THE DECEASED MEMBER OR RETIRANT for support, each parent shall be paid a monthly pension of one hundred fifty-four dollars. If in such case, there is only one parent dependent solely upon ~~him~~ THE DECEASED MEMBER OR RETIRANT for support, such parent shall be paid a monthly pension of one hundred fifty-four dollars. Such pension shall be paid during the life of the surviving parents, or until dependency ceases, or until remarriage, whichever event occurs first.

(8) ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AS ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE TIME OF DEATH OF A MEMBER OR RETIRANT WHO LEAVES NO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OR PARENTS SHALL BE PAID TO THE ESTATE OF THE MEMBER OR RETIRANT.

(9) The increases provided for by divisions (A)(5)(b) AND (c) and (A)(6)(b) AND (c) of this section shall be included in the calculation of the additional benefit paid under section 5505.174 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, the necessary rules for the administration of this section and all decisions of the board shall be final. Any payment of a pension or benefit under this section is subject to the provisions of section 5505.26 of the Revised Code.

(C) A member's total service credit may include periods during which ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S employment with the state highway patrol is interrupted by a leave of absence, when requested by the governor, to accept employment with another agency of the state, provided that:

(1) ~~He~~ THE MEMBER is reemployed by the state highway patrol within thirty days following termination of such other employment;

(2) ~~He~~ THE MEMBER pays into the retirement system, to the credit of the employees' savings fund, an amount equal to the total contributions ~~he~~ THE MEMBER would have paid had ~~his~~ THE state highway patrol employment not been so interrupted. Such repayment shall begin within ninety days after ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S return to duty with the state highway patrol and be completed within a period equal to that of ~~his~~ THE leave of absence.

(D) Service credits granted under division (C) of this section shall not include any duplications of credits for which a pension is payable by the public employees retirement system.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding sections 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code and any other section of the Revised Code, the Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System shall furnish to William M. Mercer, Inc., the authorized agent of the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Ohio's Public Retirement Plans established by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 121st General Assembly, any records, including but not limited to any medical reports or information or statements of earnings obtained by the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund pursuant to section 742.3720 of the Revised Code or any similar reports, information, or statements obtained by the board of any other system or fund, that are identified in a subpoena issued in accordance with section 101.41 of the Revised Code by the Joint Legislative Committee. If any members of the Joint Legislative Committee themselves intend actually to review any records or copies of records furnished by any retirement system or fund, the Joint Legislative Committee shall have its authorized agent delete from these records or copies of records any personally identifiable information prior to review by the Committee members. If the Joint Legislative Committee believes on the basis of information provided by its authorized agent that there is cause, the Committee may also instruct its authorized agent to provide to any governmental entity that has subpoena power any records furnished by a system or fund to the Committee and nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Committee from instructing its authorized agent to provide these records. The Joint Legislative Committee and its authorized agent shall preserve the confidentiality of any information in a record that is considered to be confidential or privileged as provided in section 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code, and the records shall not be open to public inspection.

Records and copies of records furnished under this section to the Joint Legislative Committee shall be returned by the Joint Legislative Committee to the retirement system from which the records or copies were obtained immediately on completion of their use by the Joint Legislative Committee or its authorized agent.

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