

N.J. Stat. § 43:16A-12.1

Section 43:16A-12.1 - Survivors' benefits

a. Upon the death after retirement of any member of the retirement system there shall be paid to the member's widow or widower a pension of 50% of final compensation for the use of herself or himself, to continue during her or his widowhood, plus 15% of such compensation payable to one surviving child or an additional 25% of such compensation to two or more children; if there is no surviving widow or widower or in case the widow or widower dies or remarries, 20% of final compensation will be payable to one surviving child, 35% of such compensation to two surviving children in equal shares and if there be three or more children, 50% of such compensation would be payable to such children in equal shares.

b. The increased pension benefits payable under this act shall apply only to cases where such policeman or fireman retires on or after December 18, 1967 and shall not affect pensions paid or to be paid as a result of retirements occurring prior to said date. The increased pension benefits payable under this subsection of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act shall apply only to pension benefits payable on or after the effective date of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act, P.L. 1991, c.511 (C.43:3B-8.4 et al.).

c. As of the effective date of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act, P.L. 1991, c.511 (C.43:3B-8.4 et al.), all widows' and widowers' pensions previously granted or to be granted pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of this section or section 10 of chapter 255 of the laws of 1944, as amended, and all such pensions previously granted, or to be granted where retirement for accidental disability occurred prior to December 18, 1967, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(3) of chapter 255 of the laws of 1944 prior to the amendment of that section by P.L. 1967, c.250, will be subject to a minimum, annual, aggregate payment of \$4,500. The increased pension benefits payable under this subsection of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act shall apply only to pension benefits payable on or after the effective date of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act, P.L. 1991, c.511 (C.43:3B-8.4 et al.).

d. The State shall reimburse local governments for additional pension costs arising from any increase in the annual pension payable to a widow or widower pursuant to this section of this 1991 amendatory and supplementary act, P.L. 1991, c.511 (C.43:3B-8.4 et al.).

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L.1967, c.250, s.26; amended 1971, c.175, s.16; 1985, c.393, s.1; 1991, c.511, s.1; c. 428, s. 7.