

## SENATE BILL No. 63

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Thirteenth check. Provides for a thirteenth check for certain members, participants, or beneficiaries of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) Indiana public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system. Provides for a \$50 payment to members of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund and Indiana public employees' retirement fund, and to participants of the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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## SENATE BILL No. 63

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning pensions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this  
2       SECTION, "fund" refers to the Indiana state teachers' retirement  
3       fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-1.

4       (b) As used in this SECTION, "supplemental allowance reserve  
5       account" refers to the supplemental allowance reserve account  
6       established by IC 5-10.2-2-2(c)(3).

7       (c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the supplemental allowance  
8       reserve account shall pay the amount determined under subsection  
9       (d) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a  
10      member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1,  
11      2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1,  
12      2026. The amount is not an increase in the pension portion of the  
13      monthly benefit.

14      (d) The amount paid under subsection (c) to a member of the  
15      fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who meets the  
16      requirements of subsection (c) is determined as follows:

17           If a Member's Creditable	The Amount Is:
18           Service Is:	



At least 5 years, but less than 10 years (only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)	\$150
At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$275
At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$375
At least 30 years	\$450

(e) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to a member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) under subsection (c) is the creditable service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the amount paid under subsection (c).

(f) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a member are entitled to an amount paid under subsection (c), the amount shall be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in shares using the same percentages as the percentages determined under IC 5-10.2-3-7.5 or IC 5-10.4-4-10 to pay the monthly benefit to the survivors or beneficiaries.

(g) Not later than October 1, 2026, either the fund or the state general fund, or both, shall pay fifty dollars (\$50) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2026.

(h) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 5-10.2-12-4(b).

(i) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this SECTION, "fund" refers to the Indiana public employees' retirement fund established by IC 5-10.3-2-1.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "supplemental allowance reserve account" refers to the supplemental allowance reserve account established by IC 5-10.2-2-2(a)(3).

(c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the supplemental allowance reserve account shall pay the amount determined under subsection (d) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2026. The amount is not an increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

(d) The amount paid under subsection (c) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who meets the requirements of subsection (c) is determined as follows:

If a Member's Creditable	The Amount Is:
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**Service Is:**

<b>At least 5 years, but less than 10 years</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>(only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)</b>	
<b>At least 10 years, but less than 20 years</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>At least 20 years, but less than 30 years</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>At least 30 years</b>	<b>\$450</b>

(e) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to a member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) under subsection (c) is the creditable service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the amount paid under subsection (c).

(f) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a member are entitled to an amount paid under subsection (c), the amount shall be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in shares using the same percentages as the percentages determined under IC 5-10.2-3-7.5 or IC 5-10.3-8-15 to pay the monthly benefit to the survivors or beneficiaries.

(g) Not later than October 1, 2026, either the fund or the state general fund, or both, shall pay fifty dollars (\$50) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2026.

(h) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 5-10.2-12-4(b).

(i) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this SECTION, "participant" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10-5.5-1.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "plan" refers to the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan created by IC 5-10-5.5-2.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "supplemental allowance reserve account" refers to the supplemental allowance reserve account established by IC 5-10-5.5-4(c).

(d) Not later than October 1, 2026, the supplemental allowance reserve account shall pay the amount determined under subsection (e) to a plan participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2026. The amount is not an increase in the annual retirement allowance.



(e) The amount paid under subsection (d) to a plan participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant) who meets the requirements of subsection (d) is determined as follows:

If a Plan Participant's Creditable Service Is:	The Amount Is:
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At least 5 years, but less than 10 years (only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)	\$150
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At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$275
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At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$375
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At least 30 years	\$450
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(f) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to a plan participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant) under subsection (d) is the creditable service that was used to compute the plan participant's retirement allowance under IC 5-10-5.5-10 and IC 5-10-5.5-12, except that partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the amount paid under subsection (d).

(g) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a plan participant are entitled to an amount paid under subsection (d), the amount shall be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in shares using the same percentages as the percentages determined under IC 5-10-5.5-16 to pay the monthly benefit to the survivors or beneficiaries.

(h) Not later than October 1, 2026, either the plan or the state general fund, or both, shall pay fifty dollars (\$50) to a plan participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2025, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2026.

(i) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 5-10.2-12-4(b).

(j) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this SECTION, "trustee" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-10.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "trust fund" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-11.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the trustee shall pay from the trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police pre-1987 benefit system covered by IC 10-12-3 who:

(1) retired or was disabled before July 2, 2025; and

(2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1, 2026;

an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual



1 pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the  
 2 grade of trooper who has completed twenty (20) years of service as  
 3 of July 1, 2026, as calculated under IC 10-12-3-7.

4 (d) The amount paid under this SECTION is not an increase in  
 5 the monthly pension amount of an employee beneficiary.

6 (e) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 5-10.2-12-4(b).

7 (f) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

8 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this  
 9 SECTION, "trustee" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-10.

10 (b) As used in this SECTION, "trust fund" has the meaning set  
 11 forth in IC 10-12-1-11.

12 (c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the trustee shall pay from the  
 13 trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police 1987  
 14 benefit system covered by IC 10-12-4 who:

15 (1) retired or was disabled after June 30, 1987, and before  
 16 July 2, 2025; and

17 (2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1,  
 18 2026;

19 an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual  
 20 pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the  
 21 grade of trooper who has completed twenty-five (25) years of  
 22 service as of July 1, 2026, as calculated under IC 10-12-4-7.

23 (d) The amount paid under this SECTION is not an increase in  
 24 the monthly pension amount of an employee beneficiary.

25 (e) This SECTION applies notwithstanding IC 5-10.2-12-4(b).

26 (f) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

