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SENATE BILL No. 69

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Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: 1977 pension and disability fund. Increases the basic monthly pension benefit payable to a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) who retires after December 31, 2026, with 20 years of service. Increases the contribution rate of 1977 fund members. Increases the lump sum death benefit payable to the heirs or estate of a 1977 fund member. Provides that a 1977 fund member may extend their deferred retirement option plan (DROP) retirement date up to 60 months after the member entered the DROP. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2026; January 1, 2027.

Rogers, Goode, Doriot, Donato, Niezgodski

December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.
January 8, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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SENATE BILL No. 69

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2021,
2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) Each fund member shall contribute
4 during the period of the fund member's employment or for thirty-two
5 (32) years, whichever is shorter, an amount equal to **six percent (6%)**
6 **eight and sixty-five hundredths percent (8.65%)** of the salary of a
7 first class patrolman or firefighter. However, the employer may pay:

8 (1) **with respect to an agreement entered into:**
9 (A) **before January 1, 2027; or**
10 (B) **after June 30, 2029;**
11 all or a part of the contribution for the member; **and**
12 (2) **with respect to an agreement entered into after December**
13 **31, 2026, but before July 1, 2029:**
14 (A) **up to six percent (6%) of the contribution for the**
15 **member before July 1, 2029; and**
16 (B) **all or a part of the contribution for the member after**
17 **June 30, 2029.**

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1 The amount of the contribution, other than contributions paid on behalf
2 of a member, shall be deducted each pay period from each fund
3 member's salary by the disbursing officer of the employer. The
4 employer shall send to the system board each year on March 31, June
5 30, September 30, and December 31, for the calendar quarters ending
6 on those dates, or an alternate date established by the rules of the
7 system board, a certified list of fund members and a warrant issued by
8 the employer for the total amount deducted for fund members'
9 contributions.

10 (b) After December 31, 2011, an employer shall submit:

11 (1) the list described in subsection (a) in a uniform format through
12 a secure connection over the Internet or through other electronic
13 means specified by the system board; and
14 (2) the contributions paid by or on behalf of a member under
15 subsection (a) by electronic funds transfer.

16 (c) Except as provided in section 7(n) or 7.2 of this chapter, if a fund
17 member ends the fund member's employment other than by death or
18 disability before the fund member completes twenty (20) years of
19 active service, the system board shall return to the fund member in a
20 lump sum the fund member's contributions plus interest at a rate
21 specified by rule by the system board. If the fund member returns to
22 service, the fund member is entitled to credit for the years of service for
23 which the fund member's contributions were refunded if the fund
24 member repays the amount refunded to the fund member plus interest
25 at a rate specified by rule by the system board in either a lump sum or
26 a series of payments determined by the system board.

27 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-8-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2019,
28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) Benefits paid under this section are
30 subject to section 2.5 of this chapter.

31 (b) This subsection applies to a fund member who retires before
32 July 1, 2019. Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit
33 payment under section 10(b) of this chapter is entitled to receive a
34 monthly benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly salary of
35 a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the
36 member's active service plus:

37 (1) for a member who retires before January 1, 1986, two percent
38 (2%) of that salary for each full year of active service; or
39 (2) for a member who retires after December 31, 1985, one
40 percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active
41 service;
42 over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years.



(c) This subsection applies to a fund member who retires after June 30, 2019. Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 10(b) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to fifty-two percent (52%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years.

(d) This subsection applies to a fund member who retires before July 1, 2019. Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 10(c) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of age, by a factor established by the fund's actuary from time to time.

(e) This subsection applies to a fund member who retires after June 30, 2019. Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 10(e) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to fifty-two percent (52%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of age, by a factor established by the fund's actuary from time to time.

(b) Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 10(b) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to the following:

(1) For a fund member who retires before July 1, 2019, fifty percent (50%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus:

(A) for a member who retires before January 1, 1986, two percent (2%) of that salary for each full year of active service; or

(B) for a member who retires after December 31, 1985, one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service;

over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years.



(2) For a fund member who retires after June 30, 2019, and before January 1, 2027, fifty-two percent (52%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years.

(3) For a fund member who retires after December 31, 2026, fifty-three percent (53%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years.

(c) Each fund member who qualifies for a retirement benefit payment under section 10(c) of this chapter is entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to the following:

(1) For a fund member who retires before July 1, 2019, fifty percent (50%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of age, by a factor established by the fund's actuary from time to time.

(2) For a fund member who retires after June 30, 2019, and before January 1, 2027, fifty-two percent (52%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one percent (1%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of age, by a factor established by the fund's actuary from time to time.

(3) For a fund member who retires after December 31, 2026, fifty-three percent (53%) of the monthly salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter in the year the member ended the member's active service plus one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) of that salary for each six (6) months of active service over twenty (20) years, to a maximum of twelve (12) years, all actuarially reduced for each month (if any) of benefit payments prior to fifty-two (52) years of age, by a factor



established by the fund's actuary from time to time.

SECTION 3. IC 36-8-8-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2008, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) Benefits paid under this section are subject to section 2.5 of this chapter.

(b) The heirs or estate of a fund member is entitled to receive at least ~~twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)~~ ~~fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~ upon the fund member's death, ~~adjusted annually by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index as calculated under section 15 of this chapter.~~

(c) The board shall annually publish the total benefit payable under this section on the board's website.

SECTION 4. IC 36-8-8.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "DROP retirement date" means the future retirement date selected by a member at the time the member makes a DROP election **or extension.**

SECTION 5. IC 36-8-8.5-10.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.129-2024, SECTION 11 AND P.L.136-2024, SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.5. (a) Notwithstanding section 10 of this chapter, a member that entered the DROP ~~before July 1, 2024~~, and that has not exited the DROP may elect to extend the member's DROP retirement date up to sixty (60) months after the member's DROP entry date.

(b) A member that makes the election described in subsection (a) shall notify the member's employer within thirty (30) days of the election.

SECTION 6. IC 36-8-8.5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2024, SECTION 12 AND P.L.136-2024, SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a member who enters the DROP established by this chapter shall exit the DROP at the earliest of:

(1) the member's DROP retirement date;

(2) either:

(A) thirty-six (36) months after the member's DROP entry date, if the member:

(i) executes an election described in section 10 of this chapter before July 1, 2024; and

(ii) does not execute an extension described in section 10.5 of this chapter; or

(B) sixty (60) months after the member's DROP entry date; if the member:



1 (i) executes an election described in section 10 of this
2 chapter after June 30, 2024; or
3 (ii) executes an extension described in section 10.5 of this
4 chapter;

5 (3) (2) the mandatory retirement age applicable to the member, if
6 any; or
7 (4) (3) the date the member retires because of a disability as
8 provided under section 16.5(d) of this chapter.

9 (b) A member of the 1925 fund, the 1937 fund, or the 1953 fund
10 who enters the DROP established by this chapter must exit the DROP
11 on the date the authority of the board of trustees of the Indiana public
12 retirement system to distribute from the pension relief fund established
13 under IC 5-10.3-11-1 to units of local government (described in
14 IC 5-10.3-11-3) amounts determined under IC 5-10.3-11-4.7 expires.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 69, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 2 with "[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]."

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 36-8-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2021, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) Each fund member shall contribute during the period of the fund member's employment or for thirty-two (32) years, whichever is shorter, an amount equal to ~~six percent (6%)~~ **eight and sixty-five hundredths percent (8.65%)** of the salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter. However, the employer may pay:

(1) with respect to an agreement entered into:

- (A) before January 1, 2027; or**
- (B) after June 30, 2029;**

all or a part of the contribution for the member; **and**

(2) with respect to an agreement entered into after December 31, 2026, but before July 1, 2029:

- (A) up to six percent (6%) of the contribution for the member before July 1, 2029; and**
- (B) all or a part of the contribution for the member after June 30, 2029.**

The amount of the contribution, other than contributions paid on behalf of a member, shall be deducted each pay period from each fund member's salary by the disbursing officer of the employer. The employer shall send to the system board each year on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, for the calendar quarters ending on those dates, or an alternate date established by the rules of the system board, a certified list of fund members and a warrant issued by the employer for the total amount deducted for fund members' contributions.".

Page 3, line 34, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**January 1, 2027**".

Page 3, line 39, delete "June 30, 2026," and insert "**December 31, 2026**".

Page 4, line 16, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**January 1, 2027**".

Page 4, line 24, delete "June 30, 2026," and insert "**December 31**,



2026,".

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 69 as introduced.)

ROGERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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