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S.B. No. 1892

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 814, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 814.605 to read as follows:

Sec. 814.605. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN ANNUITANTS: JANUARY 2026. (a) The amount of a death benefit paid under this chapter to an annuitant based on service credited in the employee class is increased to include a cost-of-living adjustment in accordance with this section.

(b) Subject to Subsections (c) and (d), to be eligible for the adjustment:

(1) a person must be:

(A) for the month of December 2025, an annuitant eligible to receive a death benefit annuity payment under Section 814.301, 814.302, or 814.305; and

(B) the surviving spouse or the guardian of the surviving minor children of the deceased member on whose service the annuity is based; and

(2) the deceased member described by Subdivision (1)(B) must have been employed by the state as a law enforcement officer at the time of the member's death which must have been an occupational death, as determined by the executive director.

1 (c) The adjustment does not apply to benefit payments based
2 on service credited in the elected class.

3 (d) To be eligible for the adjustment under this section:

4 (1) the annuitant described by Subsection (b) must be
5 living on the effective date of the adjustment; and

6 (2) the date of death of the member of the retirement
7 system on whose service the annuity is based must have been before
8 September 1, 2025.

9 (e) An adjustment under this section must be made beginning
10 with an annuity payable for the month of January 2026.

11 (f) The amount of the adjustment provided under this section
12 is computed by multiplying the amount of the monthly benefit
13 subject to the adjustment by the following percentage rate, as
14 applicable:

15 (1) if the date of the death of the member of the
16 retirement system on whose service the annuity is based was on or
17 before August 31, 2014, seven percent; and

18 (2) if the date of the death of the member of the
19 retirement system on whose service the annuity is based was after
20 August 31, 2014, four percent.

21 (g) The board of trustees shall recompute the amount of a
22 death benefit annuity paid monthly under this chapter by applying
23 the adjustment required under Subsection (f) to the monthly amount
24 otherwise required to be paid. The adjustment under this section is
25 in addition to the adjustment, if any, granted under Section
26 [814.604](#) or any other law.

27 (h) The board of trustees shall determine the eligibility

1 for and the amount of any adjustment in monthly annuities in
2 accordance with this section.

3 SECTION 2. Section 814.605, Government Code, as added by
4 this Act, applies only to a monthly benefit payment made by the
5 Employees Retirement System of Texas on or after January 1, 2026.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.