

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3330

By: Perryman, Boles, Ford,
Manger and Fincher of the
House

3
4 and

5 Paxton and Bullard of the
6 Senate

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8 An Act relating to public retirement systems;
9 enacting the Sergeant Schoolfield Line of Duty
10 Disability Act; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103,
11 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L.
12 2018 (62 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 3103), which
13 relates to the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial
14 Analysis Act; modifying definitions; amending 11 O.S.
15 2011, Section 50-115, as amended by Section 6,
16 Chapter 20, O.S.L. 2018 (11 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
17 50-115), which relates to the Oklahoma Police Pension
18 and Retirement System; modifying provisions related
19 to disability benefit determinations; specifying
20 percentage of disability with respect to certain
21 injury resulting from violent act; defining term;
22 providing for noncodification; providing effective
23 dates if emergency clause is not approved; and
24 declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Sergeant
Schoolfield Line of Duty Disability Act".

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103, as
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 2018 (62 O.S. Supp.
3 2019, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 3103. As used in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation
5 Actuarial Analysis Act:

6 1. "Amendment" means any amendment, including a substitute
7 bill, made to a retirement bill by any committee of the House or
8 Senate, any conference committee of the House or Senate or by the
9 House or Senate;

10 2. "RB number" means that number preceded by the letters "RB"
11 assigned to a retirement bill by the respective staffs of the
12 Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives when
13 the respective staff office prepares a retirement bill for a member
14 of the Legislature;

15 3. "Legislative Actuary" means the firm or entity that enters
16 into a contract with the Legislative Service Bureau pursuant to
17 Section 452.15 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide the
18 actuarial services and other duties provided for in the Oklahoma
19 Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act;

20 4. "Nonfiscal amendment" means an amendment to a retirement
21 bill having a fiscal impact, which amendment does not change any
22 factor of an actuarial investigation specified in subsection A of
23 Section 3109 of this title;

24 5. "Nonfiscal retirement bill" means a retirement bill:

- 1 a. which does not affect the cost or funding factors of a
2 retirement system, or
- 3 b. which affects such factors only in a manner which does
4 not:
- 5 (1) grant a benefit increase under the retirement
6 system affected by the bill,
- 7 (2) create an actuarial accrued liability for or
8 increase the actuarial accrued liability of the
9 retirement system affected by the bill, or
- 10 (3) increase the normal cost of the retirement system
11 affected by the bill,
- 12 c. which authorizes the purchase by an active member of
13 the retirement system, at the actuarial cost for the
14 purchase as computed pursuant to the statute in effect
15 on the effective date of the measure allowing such
16 purchase, of years of service for purposes of reaching
17 a normal retirement date in the applicable retirement
18 system, but which cannot be used in order to compute
19 the number of years of service for purposes of
20 computing the retirement benefit for the member,
- 21 d. which provides for the computation of a service-
22 connected disability retirement benefit for members of
23 the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System
24 pursuant to Section 2-305 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma

- 1 Statutes if the members were unable to complete twenty
2 (20) years of service as a result of the disability,
3 e. which requires membership in the defined benefit plan
4 authorized by Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes for persons whose first elected or
6 appointed service occurs on or after November 1, 2018,
7 if such persons had any prior service in the Oklahoma
8 Public Employees Retirement System prior to November
9 1, 2015, ~~or~~
10 f. which provides for a one-time increase in retirement
11 benefits if the increase in retirement benefits is not
12 a permanent increase in the gross annual retirement
13 benefit payable to a member or beneficiary, occurs
14 only once pursuant to a single statutory authorization
15 and does not exceed:
16 (1) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
17 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
18 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and requires that
19 the benefit may only be provided if the funded
20 ratio of the affected retirement system would not
21 be less than sixty percent (60%) but not greater
22 than eighty percent (80%) after the benefit
23 increase is paid,
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- 1 (2) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
2 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
3 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) and
4 requires that the benefit may only be provided if
5 the funded ratio of the affected retirement
6 system would be greater than eighty percent (80%)
7 but not greater than one hundred percent (100%)
8 after the benefit increase is paid,
- 9 (3) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
10 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
11 Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) and
12 requires that the benefit may only be provided if
13 the funded ratio of the affected retirement
14 system would be greater than one hundred percent
15 (100%) after the benefit increase is paid, or
- 16 (4) the greater of two percent (2%) of the gross
17 annual retirement benefit of the volunteer
18 firefighter or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for
19 persons who retired from the Oklahoma
20 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as
21 volunteer firefighters and who did not retire
22 from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
23 Retirement System as a paid firefighter.
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1 As used in this subparagraph, "funded ratio" means the
2 figure derived by dividing the actuarial value of
3 assets of the applicable retirement system by the
4 actuarial accrued liability of the applicable
5 retirement system, or

6 g. which modifies the disability pension standard for
7 police officers who are members of the Oklahoma Police
8 Pension and Retirement System as provided by Section 3
9 of this act.

10 A nonfiscal retirement bill shall include any retirement bill that
11 has as its sole purpose the appropriation or distribution or
12 redistribution of monies in some manner to a retirement system for
13 purposes of reducing the unfunded liability of such system or the
14 earmarking of a portion of the revenue from a tax to a retirement
15 system or increasing the percentage of the revenue earmarked from a
16 tax to a retirement system;

17 6. "Reduction-in-cost amendment" means an amendment to a
18 retirement bill having a fiscal impact which reduces the cost of the
19 bill as such cost is determined by the actuarial investigation for
20 the bill prepared pursuant to Section 3109 of this title;

21 7. "Retirement bill" means any bill or joint resolution
22 introduced or any bill or joint resolution amended by a member of
23 the Oklahoma Legislature which creates or amends any law directly
24 affecting a retirement system. A retirement bill shall not mean a

1 bill or resolution that impacts the revenue of any state tax in
2 which a portion of the revenue generated from such tax is earmarked
3 for the benefit of a retirement system;

4 8. "Retirement bill having a fiscal impact" means any
5 retirement bill creating or establishing a retirement system and any
6 other retirement bill other than a nonfiscal retirement bill; and

7 9. "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of
8 Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the
9 Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the Oklahoma
10 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Police
11 Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Law Enforcement
12 Retirement System, or a retirement system established after January
13 1, 2006.

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 50-115, as
15 amended by Section 6, Chapter 20, O.S.L. 2018 (11 O.S. Supp. 2019,
16 Section 50-115), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 50-115. A. The State Board is authorized to pay a
18 disability benefit to a member of the System or a pension to the
19 beneficiaries of such member eligible as hereinafter provided, not
20 exceeding the accrued retirement benefit of the member, except as
21 otherwise provided in this article. Such disability benefit shall
22 be payable immediately upon determination of eligibility. Any
23 preexisting condition identified at the time of any initial or
24 subsequent membership shall be used to offset the percentage of

1 impairment to the whole person in determining any disability
2 benefit. Once the initial disability benefit has been awarded by
3 the Board on the basis of the percentage of impairment to the whole
4 person, the member shall have no further recourse to increase the
5 awarded percentage of impairment.

6 B. In order for any member to be eligible for any disability
7 benefit, or the member's beneficiaries to be eligible for a pension,
8 the member must have complied with any agreement as to contributions
9 by the member and other members to any funds of the System where
10 said agreement has been made as provided by this article; and the
11 State Board must find:

12 1. That the member incurred a permanent total disability or a
13 permanent partial disability or died while in, and in consequence
14 of, the performance of duty as an officer; or

15 2. That such member has served ten (10) years and incurred a
16 permanent total disability or a permanent partial disability or has
17 died from any cause.

18 C. In the event of the death of any member who has been awarded
19 a disability benefit or is eligible therefor as provided in this
20 article, the member's beneficiary shall be paid the benefit.

21 D. 1. As of the date of determination by the State Board that
22 a member is physically or mentally disabled and that the disability
23 is permanent and partial or permanent and total as was incurred
24 while in, and in consequence of, the performance or duty as an

officer, the member shall be awarded a disability benefit on the basis of the percentage of impairment to the whole person, as defined by the most current standards of the impairment as outlined in the "American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment", as provided in the following table or as prescribed by paragraph 2 of this subsection with respect to injuries sustained as a result of a violent act:

1% to 49% impairment to whole person =	50% of the normal disability benefit
50% to 74% impairment to whole person =	75% of the normal disability benefit
75% to 100% impairment to whole person =	100% of the normal disability benefit.

2. If an injury to a member results from a violent act as defined by this paragraph while in the performance of their duties as a police officer, the State Board shall make a determination that the member has sustained a one-hundred-percent disability and shall make the benefit award in accordance with that standard. As used in this paragraph, "violent act" means a violent attack upon the member by means of a dangerous weapon, including, but not limited to, a firearm, knife, automobile, explosive device or other dangerous weapon.

E. If the participating municipality denies a disabled member the option of continuing employment instead of retiring on a

1 disability pension, then the burden of proof rests with the
2 participating municipality to show cause to the State Board that
3 there is no position as a sworn officer within the police department
4 of that municipality which the member can fill.

5 F. Upon determination by the State Board that a member is
6 physically or mentally disabled and that the disability is permanent
7 and total and that the member has completed ten (10) years of
8 credited service and is disabled by any cause, the member shall
9 receive a disability benefit on the basis of the member's accrued
10 retirement benefit. A permanent and total impairment equates to one
11 hundred percent (100%) of accrued retirement benefit.

12 G. Upon determination by the State Board that a member is
13 physically or mentally disabled and that the disability is permanent
14 and partial and that the member has completed ten (10) years of
15 credited service as a member and is disabled from any cause, the
16 member shall be awarded a disability benefit on the basis of the
17 member's years of credited service as a member and the percentage of
18 impairment to the whole person, as defined by the most current
19 standards of the impairment as outlined in the "American Medical
20 Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment", on
21 the basis of the following table:

22 1% to 24% impaired = 25% of accrued retirement benefit

23 25% to 49% impaired = 50% of accrued retirement benefit

24 50% to 74% impaired = 75% of accrued retirement benefit

1 75% to 99% impaired = 90% of accrued retirement benefit.

2 H. Before making a finding as to the disability of a member,
3 the State Board shall require that, if the member is able, the
4 member shall make a certificate as to the disability which shall be
5 subscribed and sworn to by the member. It shall also require a
6 certificate as to such disability to be made by some physician
7 licensed to practice in this state as selected by the State Board.
8 The State Board may require other evidence of disability before
9 making the disability benefit. The salary of any such member shall
10 continue while the member is so necessarily confined to such
11 hospital bed or home and necessarily requires medical care or
12 professional nursing on account of such sickness or disability for a
13 period of not more than six (6) months, after which said period the
14 other provisions of this article may apply. The State Board, in
15 making disability benefits, shall act upon the written request of
16 the member or without such request, if it deem it for the good of
17 the police department. Any disability benefits shall cease when the
18 member receiving same shall be restored to active service at a
19 salary not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the member's average
20 monthly salary.

21 I. Any member of a police department of any municipality who,
22 in the line of duty, has been exposed to hazardous substances,
23 including but not limited to chemicals used in the manufacture of a
24 controlled dangerous substance or chemicals resulting from the

1 manufacture of a controlled dangerous substance, or to blood-borne
2 pathogens and who is later disabled from a condition that was the
3 result of such exposure and that was not revealed by the physical
4 examination passed by the member upon entry into the System shall be
5 presumed to have incurred such disability while performing the
6 officer's duties unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence.
7 The presumption created by this subsection shall have no application
8 whatever to any workers' compensation claim or claims, and it shall
9 not be applied or be relied upon in any way in workers' compensation
10 proceedings. All compensation or benefits due to any member
11 pursuant to the presumption created by this subsection shall be paid
12 solely by the system.

13 J. If the requirements of Section 50-114.4 of this title are
14 satisfied, a member who, by reason of disability, is separated from
15 service as a public safety officer with the member's participating
16 municipality, may elect to have payment made directly to the
17 provider for qualified health insurance premiums by deduction from
18 his or her monthly disability benefit, after December 31, 2006, in
19 accordance with Section 402(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
20 as amended.

21 SECTION 4. If the emergency clause is not approved pursuant to
22 the requirements of the Oklahoma Constitution as part of this
23 measure, the effective date of Section 2 of this act shall be August
24 28, 2020.

SECTION 5. If the emergency clause is not approved pursuant to the requirements of the Oklahoma Constitution as part of this measure, the effective date of Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall be September 1, 2020.

SECTION 6. Except as otherwise provided by Section 4 of this act, Section 2 of this act shall become effective immediately upon signature by the Governor or as otherwise provided by Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

SECTION 7. Except as otherwise provided by Section 5 of this act, Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall become effective June 15, 2020.

SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 2020.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2020.

Presiding Officer of the Senate