

2604-S

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Brief Description: Creating additional options for payment of retirement allowances.

**HB 2604-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Provides that, no later than July 1, 2001, the department shall adopt rules that allow a member additional actuarially equivalent survivor benefit options, and shall include, but are not limited to: (1)(a) A retired member who retired without designating a survivor beneficiary shall have the opportunity to designate their spouse from a postretirement marriage as a survivor during a one-year period beginning one year after the date of the postretirement marriage.

(b) A member who entered into a postretirement marriage prior to the effective date of the rules adopted pursuant to this subsection and satisfies the conditions of (a)(i) of this subsection shall have one year to designate their spouse as a survivor beneficiary following the adoption of the rules.

(2) A retired member who elected to receive a reduced retirement allowance under this section and designated a nonspouse as survivor beneficiary shall have the opportunity to remove the survivor designation and have their future benefit adjusted.

(3) The department may make an additional charge, if necessary, to ensure that the benefits provided under this subsection remain actuarially equivalent.