

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5791**

67th Legislature  
2022 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 15,  
2022

Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 3, 2022

Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5791** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler and Short)

READ FIRST TIME 02/01/22.

1       AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officers' and firefighters'  
2 retirement system benefits; and adding a new section to chapter 41.26  
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26  
6 RCW under the subchapter heading "plan 1" to read as follows:

7       (1) Law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 1 active  
8 members, term-vested members, retirees, and survivors eligible for  
9 benefits under the plan 1 provisions of this chapter on the effective  
10 date of this section shall be eligible to receive the plan 1 lump sum  
11 defined benefit of \$100 per service credit month payable by January  
12 31, 2023.

13       (a) Members who retired for an in the line of duty disability  
14 under RCW 41.26.120 shall receive the greater of the lump sum defined  
15 benefit of \$100 per service credit month or a lump sum defined  
16 benefit of \$20,000.

17       (b) A member's beneficiary is eligible for an in the line of duty  
18 death benefit under RCW 41.26.048. If there is more than one eligible  
19 beneficiary the lump sum defined benefit will be distributed in  
20 accordance with RCW 41.26.048.

1           (c) If the member is deceased the member's survivor beneficiary  
2 under RCW 41.26.160 is eligible for this lump sum defined benefit.  
3           (2) If a member is active or term-vested, interest on the lump  
4 sum defined benefit as determined by the director of retirement  
5 systems shall accumulate from January 1, 2023, until distribution to  
6 the participant upon retirement from service or for disability. For  
7 the purposes of this section, a "term-vested member" is a member who  
8 has rendered five years of service, has not withdrawn his or her  
9 member contributions, and who has not applied for retirement.  
10          (3) If a member dies after the effective date of this section but  
11 before distribution of the lump sum defined benefit created in this  
12 section occurs, the distribution shall be made according to the  
13 member's beneficiary designation under this chapter.  
14          (4) The lump sum defined benefit created in this section is  
15 subject to RCW 41.26.053.

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