

HOUSE BILL No. 2488

By Committee on Pensions and Benefits

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1 AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public
2 employees retirement system and systems thereunder; lump-sum death
3 benefit; amending K.S.A. 74-4989 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-49,315
4 and repealing the existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-4989 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
8 4989. (1) (a) Except as provided in *paragraph (b) of this subsection*,
9 pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,128, and amendments thereto,
10 upon the death of a retirant, the board of trustees of the Kansas public
11 employees retirement system shall pay a lump-sum death benefit to: (i)
12 The retirant's beneficiary ~~which shall not exceed equal to~~ \$4,000 for *no*
13 *more than two plans from which* such retirant retired, less any amount
14 payable for funeral benefits under the applicable provisions of any local
15 police or fire pension plan, as defined by ~~subsection (e) of~~ K.S.A. 12-
16 5001(c), and amendments thereto; or ~~to~~ (ii) a funeral establishment as
17 directed by the retirant and filed in the office of the system prior to such
18 retirant's death.

19 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4923, and
20 amendments thereto, any amounts owed the system shall be deducted from
21 such lump-sum death benefit.

22 (2) As used in this section:

23 (a) "Retirant" means any person who is a member or special member
24 of the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas police and
25 firemen's retirement system, the state school retirement system or the
26 retirement system for judges and who has retired; *and*

27 (b) "*plan*" means the Kansas public employees retirement system, the
28 Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, the state school retirement
29 system, the retirement system for judges or any other system administered
30 by the board of trustees.

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-49,315 is hereby amended to read as
32 follows: 74-49,315. A member's beneficiary shall be determined as
33 provided in the pre-2015 plan. Upon filing a written application with the
34 board after the death of a member receiving a benefit under ~~subsections (a)~~
35 ~~or (b) of~~ K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-49,313(a) or (b), and amendments thereto,
36 the member's beneficiary is entitled to a ~~\$4,000~~ lump-sum death benefit as

1 provided in K.S.A. 74-4989, and amendments thereto.

2 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-4989 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-49,315 are hereby
3 repealed.

4 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.