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## DIGEST

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HB 46 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes receipt of benefits, in certain circumstances, for surviving children of wildlife agents in the enforcement division of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries who have reached the age of majority.

Present law (R.S. 11:581 et seq) establishes retirement benefits from the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) for wildlife agents in the enforcement division of the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries whose first employment making them eligible for membership in one of the state systems occurred on or before Dec. 31, 2010.

Present law authorizes payment of benefits for children of deceased wildlife agents until the child reaches age 18. Proposed law provides that as long as the child meets the definition of "minor child" in present law, such child is eligible to receive benefits. Present law (R.S. 11:403(19)), defines "minor child", for the purposes of LASERS statutes, as an unmarried child under the age of 18 years or an unmarried student under the age of 23 years who is the issue of a marriage of a member of the system, the legally adopted child of a member of the system, a child born outside of marriage of a female member of the system, or the child of a male member of the system if acknowledged or filiated pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Code.

Proposed law requires that any cost of proposed law be funded with additional employer contributions in compliance with Art. X, Sec. 29(F) of the state constitution.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 11:586(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 587, 589, 590(B) and (C), and 591(A))