

CHAPTER 699

H.B. No. 743

An Act relating to benefits payable on the death of a member or retiree of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 34.404(a), Title 110B, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The designated beneficiary of a member who dies may, if entitled to a death benefit other than the accumulated contributions of the member, elect to receive, instead of a benefit payable under Section 34.402 or 34.403 of this subtitle, a lump-sum payment of \$2,500 [~~\$1,500~~] plus applicable *monthly* benefit described in this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to benefits payable because of deaths that occur on or after that date. The amount of a benefit payable because of a death that occurred before the effective date of this Act is determined by the law in effect on the date of death, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 743 on May 26, 1985, by a non-record vote.; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

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Effective: September 1, 1985