

Assembly Bill No. 99

CHAPTER 801

An act to amend Sections 21573, 21574, and 21581 of, and to add Section 21574.5 to, the Government Code, relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 99, Cedillo. Public Employees' Retirement System: benefits.

The Public Employees' Retirement Law provides alternative preretirement death benefits for members not covered by the federal Social Security Act and prescribes specified member contribution rates for those benefits.

This bill would authorize contracting agencies to amend their contracts to become subject to increased preretirement death benefits for their employees and would revise the member contribution rate calculation.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Sections 21573, 21574, and 21581 of the Government Code proposed by AB 232 and SB 400, to be operative if this bill, AB 232, and SB 400 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, and this bill is enacted last.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21573 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21573. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571 or Section 21572, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a state member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of disability that began before and has continued without interruption after attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the state, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month if there is one child, or eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month divided equally between them.

(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and, with respect to that surviving spouse, who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death and has not remarried subsequent to the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month. No allowance shall be paid under paragraph (1), or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies or



remarries and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall apply to beneficiaries of state members whose death occurred before January 1, 1985. Where a surviving spouse attained the age of 62 years prior to January 1, 1987, entitlement shall exist retroactive to January 1, 1985, or to his or her 62nd birthday, whichever is later. All assets and liabilities of all state agencies and their employees on account of benefits provided to beneficiaries specified in this subdivision shall be pooled into a single account. The board shall transfer from the reserve for 1959 survivor contributions retained in the retirement fund an amount sufficient to pay the cost of the increased benefits provided by this subdivision for beneficiaries of members who died on or before December 31, 1984.

(e) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member, except as provided in subdivision (i), occurring on or after January 1, 1985, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section 3517.5, or authorized by the Director of Personnel Administration for classifications of state employees that are excluded from, or not subject to, collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding adopting this section shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if those provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, those provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature as provided by law.

(f) This section shall apply, with respect to benefits payable on and after January 1, 1985, to school members and to school safety members, as defined in Section 20444. All assets and liabilities of all school employers, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of school members employed by a school employer.

(g) This section shall apply to members of a contracting agency that, in its original contract or by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1985, to make this article applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1985, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571 or Section



21572 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section. Any public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, or any contracting agency amending its contract to remove exclusions of member classifications on or after January 1, 1994, that has not, pursuant to Section 418 of Title 42 of the United States Code, entered into an agreement with the federal government for the coverage of its employees under the federal system, shall be subject to this section.

(h) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be figured using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(i) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member employed by the California State University occurring on or after January 1, 1988, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1, or authorized by the Trustees of the California State University for employees excluded from collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(j) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section on and after January 1, 2000.

SEC. 1.1. Section 21573 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21573. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571 or Section 21572, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a state member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:



(1) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of disability that began before and has continued without interruption after attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the state, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month if there is one child, or eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month divided equally between them.

(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and, with respect to that surviving spouse, who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, shall be paid



three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month. No allowance shall be paid under paragraph (1), or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall apply to beneficiaries of state members whose death occurred before January 1, 1985. Where a surviving spouse attained the age of 62 years prior to January 1, 1987, entitlement shall exist retroactive to January 1, 1985, or to his or her 62nd birthday, whichever is later. All assets and liabilities of all state agencies and their employees on account of benefits provided to beneficiaries specified in this subdivision shall be pooled into a single account. The board shall transfer from the reserve for 1959 survivor contributions retained in the retirement fund, an amount sufficient to pay the cost of the increased benefits provided by this subdivision for beneficiaries of members who died on or before December 31, 1984.

(e) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member, except as provided in subdivision (i), occurring on or after January 1, 1985, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section 3517.5, or authorized by the Director of Personnel Administration for classifications of state employees that are excluded from, or not subject to, collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding adopting this section shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if those provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, those provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature as provided by law.

(f) This section shall apply, with respect to benefits payable on and after January 1, 1985, to school members and to school safety members, as defined in Section 20444. All assets and liabilities of all school employers, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under



this section on account of school members employed by a school employer.

(g) This section shall apply to members of a contracting agency that, in its original contract or by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1985, to make this article applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1985, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571 or Section 21572 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section. Any public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, or any contracting agency amending its contract to remove exclusions of member classifications on or after January 1, 1994, that has not, pursuant to Section 418 of Title 42 of the United States Code, entered into an agreement with the federal government for the coverage of its employees under the federal system, shall be subject to this section.

(h) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be figured using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(i) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member employed by the California State University occurring on or after January 1, 1988, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1, or authorized by the Trustees of the California State University for employees excluded from collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(j) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section on and after January 1, 2000.

SEC. 1.2. Section 21573 of the Government Code is amended to read:



21573. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571 or Section 21572, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a state member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of a disability that began before and has continued without interruption after attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the state, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month if there is one child, or eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month divided equally between them.



(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and, with respect to that surviving spouse, who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death and has not remarried subsequent to the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month. No allowance shall be paid under this paragraph while the surviving spouse is receiving an allowance under paragraph (1) or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall apply to beneficiaries of state members whose death occurred before January 1, 1985. Where a surviving spouse attained the age of 62 years prior to January 1, 1987, entitlement shall exist retroactive to January 1, 1985, or to his or her 62nd birthday, whichever is later. All assets and liabilities of all state agencies and their employees on account of benefits provided to beneficiaries specified in this subdivision shall be pooled into a single account. The board shall transfer from the reserve for 1959 survivor contributions retained in the retirement fund an amount sufficient to pay the cost of the increased benefits provided by this subdivision for beneficiaries of members who died on or before December 31, 1984.

(e) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member, except as provided in subdivision (i), occurring on or after January 1, 1985, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section 3517.5, or authorized by the Director of Personnel Administration for classifications of state employees that are excluded from, or not subject to, collective bargaining. The memorandum of



understanding adopting this section shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if those provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, those provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature as provided by law.

(f) This section shall apply, with respect to benefits payable on and after January 1, 1985, to school members and to school safety members, as defined in Section 20444. All assets and liabilities of all school employers, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of school members employed by a school employer.

(g) This section shall apply to members of a contracting agency that, in its original contract or by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1985, to make this article applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1985, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571 or Section 21572 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section. Any public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, or any contracting agency amending its contract to remove exclusions of member classifications on or after January 1, 1994, that has not, pursuant to Section 418 of Title 42 of the United States Code, entered into an agreement with the federal government for the coverage of its employees under the federal system, shall be subject to this section.

(h) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be figured using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(i) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member employed by the California State University occurring on or after January 1, 1988, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1, or authorized by the Trustees of the California State University for employees excluded from collective bargaining. The memorandum



of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(j) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section on and after January 1, 2000.

(k) On and after January 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2010, all state and school members covered by this section shall be covered by the benefit provided under Section 21574.7. On and after January 1, 2010, all state and school members not covered by Section 21572 or 21574.7 shall be covered by this section.

SEC. 1.3. Section 21573 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21573. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571 or Section 21572, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a state member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of a disability that began before and has continued without interruption after attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving wife or surviving husband of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the state, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month if there is one child, or eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the



portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

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(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid eight hundred forty dollars (\$840) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and, with respect to that surviving spouse, who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or who was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month. No allowance shall be paid under this paragraph while the surviving spouse is receiving an allowance under paragraph (1) or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 62 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall apply to beneficiaries of state members whose death occurred before January 1, 1985. Where a surviving spouse attained the age of 62 years prior to January 1, 1987, entitlement shall exist retroactive to January 1, 1985, or to his or her 62nd birthday, whichever is later. All assets and liabilities of all state agencies and their employees on account of benefits provided to beneficiaries specified in this subdivision shall be pooled into a single



account. The board shall transfer from the reserve for 1959 survivor contributions retained in the retirement fund an amount sufficient to pay the cost of the increased benefits provided by this subdivision for beneficiaries of members who died on or before December 31, 1984.

(e) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member, except as provided in subdivision (i), occurring on or after January 1, 1985, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section 3517.5, or authorized by the Director of Personnel Administration for classifications of state employees that are excluded from, or not subject to, collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding adopting this section shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if those provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, those provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature as provided by law.

(f) This section shall apply, with respect to benefits payable on and after January 1, 1985, to school members and to school safety members, as defined in Section 20444. All assets and liabilities of all school employers, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of school members employed by a school employer.

(g) This section shall apply to members of a contracting agency that, in its original contract or by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1985, to make this article applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1985, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571 or Section 21572 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section. Any public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, or any contracting agency amending its contract to remove exclusions of member classifications on or after January 1, 1994, that has not, pursuant to Section 418 of Title 42 of the United States Code, entered into an agreement with the federal government for the coverage of its employees under the federal system, shall be subject to this section.

(h) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be figured using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency



becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(i) This section shall not apply to beneficiaries with respect to the death of a state member employed by the California State University occurring on or after January 1, 1988, unless provided for in a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1, or authorized by the Trustees of the California State University for employees excluded from collective bargaining. The memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(j) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section on and after January 1, 2000.

(k) On and after January 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2010, all state and school members covered by this section shall be covered by the benefit provided under Section 21574.7. On and after January 1, 2010, all state and school members not covered by Section 21572 or 21574.7 shall be covered by this section.

SEC. 2. Section 21574 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21574. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571, 21572, or 21573, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a local member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving spouse of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of disability that began before and has continued without interruption after the attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving spouse of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or



regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the contracting agency, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) per month if there is one child or two thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$2,280) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) per month divided equally between them.

(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid two thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$2,280) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death and has not remarried subsequent to the member's death, shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month. No allowance shall be paid under paragraph (1), or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be three hundred eighty dollars (\$380) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies or remarries and the children die or marry or, if not



incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall only apply to members of a contracting agency that, by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1994, to make this section applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1994, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571, 21572, or 21573 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. Notwithstanding Section 21573, a public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, may include this section in its contract. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section.

(e) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be calculated using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(f) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section at the time the single beneficiary benefit level of Section 21574.5 exceeds the single beneficiary benefit level of Section 21574.

SEC. 2.1. Section 21574 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21574. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571, 21572, or 21573, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is payable on account of a local member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving spouse of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of disability that



began before and has continued without interruption after the attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving spouse of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the contracting agency, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) per month if there is one child or two thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$2,280) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) per month divided equally between them.

(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid two thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$2,280) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month. No



allowance shall be paid under paragraph (1), or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be three hundred eighty dollars (\$380) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall only apply to members of a contracting agency that, by amending its contract, first elects effective on or after January 1, 1994, to make this section applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 1994, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571, 21572, or 21573 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. Notwithstanding Section 21573, a public agency first contracting with the board on and after January 1, 1994, may include this section in its contract. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section.

(e) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be calculated using the term insurance valuation method. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(f) This section shall not apply to any member in the employ of a contracting agency not subject to this section at the time the single beneficiary benefit level of Section 21574.5 exceeds the single beneficiary benefit level of Section 21574.

SEC. 3. Section 21574.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

21574.5. (a) In lieu of benefits provided in Section 21571, 21572, 21573, or 21574, if the death benefit provided by Section 21532 is



payable on account of a local member's death that occurs under circumstances other than those described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21530, or if an allowance under Section 21546 is payable, the payment pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) The surviving spouse of the member, who has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are under 22 years of age, or are incapacitated because of disability that began before and has continued without interruption after the attainment of that age.

(2) The guardian of surviving unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the member who are 22 years of age or are so incapacitated.

(3) The surviving spouse of the member, who does not qualify under paragraph (1).

(4) Each surviving parent of the member.

(b) Regardless of the benefit provided by Section 21532 and of the beneficiary designated by the member under that section, or regardless of the allowance provided under Section 21546, the following applicable 1959 survivor allowance, under the conditions stated and from contributions of the contracting agency, shall be paid:

(1) A surviving spouse who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, and has the care of unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, shall be paid one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month if there is one child or one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month if there are two or more children. If there also are children who are not in the care of the surviving spouse, the portion of the allowance payable under this paragraph, assuming that these children were in the care of the surviving spouse, that is in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month, shall be divided equally among all those children and payments made to the spouse and other children, as the case may be.

(2) If there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse dies, and if there are unmarried children, including stepchildren, of the deceased member who are under 22 years of age or are so incapacitated, or if there are children not in the care of the spouse, the children shall be paid an allowance as follows:

(A) If there is only one child, the child shall be paid five hundred dollars (\$500) per month.

(B) If there are two children, the children shall be paid one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month divided equally between them.



(C) If there are three or more children, the children shall be paid one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month divided equally among them.

(3) A surviving spouse who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who was either continuously married to the member for at least one year prior to death, or was married to the member prior to the occurrence of the injury or onset of the illness that resulted in death, shall be paid five hundred dollars (\$500) per month. No allowance shall be paid under paragraph (1), or while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2). The allowance paid under this paragraph shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) per month while an allowance is being paid under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or surviving child who qualifies for the 1959 survivor allowance, or if the surviving spouse dies and there is no surviving child, or if the surviving spouse dies and the children die or marry or, if not incapacitated, reach 22 years of age, each of the member's dependent parents who has attained or attains the age of 60 years, and who received at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death, shall be paid five hundred dollars (\$500) per month.

(c) "Stepchildren," for purposes of this section, shall include only stepchildren of the member living with the member in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the death of the member.

(d) This section shall only apply to members of a contracting agency that, by amending its contract, first elects on or after January 1, 2000, to make this section applicable to local members employed by the agency. On and after January 1, 2000, contracting agencies already subject to Section 21571, 21572, or 21573 may elect by contract amendment to be subject to this section. All assets and liabilities of all contracting agencies subject to this section, and their employees, on account of benefits provided under this article shall be pooled into a single account, and a single employer rate shall be established to provide benefits under this section on account of members employed by a contracting agency that is subject to this section.

(e) The rate of contribution of an employer subject to this section shall be calculated using a method determined by the board. If the contracting agency that is subject to this section has a surplus in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, the surplus shall be applied to reduce its rate of contribution. If a contracting agency that is subject to this section has a deficit in its 1959 survivor benefit account as of the date the contracting agency becomes subject to this section, its rate of contribution shall be increased until the deficit is paid.

(f) In each subsequent year following the enactment of this section, the benefits prescribed by this section shall be indexed at a rate of 2 percent per year for both beneficiaries already receiving the



benefit and for potential beneficiaries of members who die in the future.

SEC. 4. Section 21581 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21581. (a) The rate of contribution of a member subject to this article shall include, in addition to his or her normal rate, two dollars (\$2) per month or fraction thereof, or ninety-three cents (\$0.93) for each biweekly payroll period or fraction thereof, where salaries are paid on that basis. Those contributions shall not become a part of a member's accumulated contributions or be treated or administered as normal contributions and shall not be refundable to a member under any circumstances. Those contributions shall be available only for payment of 1959 survivor allowances.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the total required monthly premium for Section 21574.5, as determined by the board, shall be offset by the uniform amortization of surplus assets within this account. If the total monthly premium is equal to, or less than, four dollars (\$4), the member contribution portion shall be two dollars (\$2) per month and the employer shall pay the difference, if any. If the total monthly premium required exceeds four dollars (\$4), the member and the employer shall evenly share the total required monthly premium.

SEC. 4.1. Section 21581 of the Government Code is amended to read:

21581. (a) The rate of contribution of a member subject to this article shall include, in addition to his or her normal rate, two dollars (\$2) per month or fraction thereof, or ninety-three cents (\$0.93) for each biweekly payroll period or fraction thereof, where salaries are paid on that basis. Those contributions shall not become a part of a member's accumulated contributions or be treated or administered as normal contributions and shall not be refundable to a member under any circumstances. Those contributions shall be available only for payment of 1959 survivor allowances.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the total required monthly premium for Section 21574.5, as determined by the board, shall be offset by the uniform amortization of surplus assets within this account. If the total monthly premium is equal to, or less than, four dollars (\$4), the member contribution portion shall be two dollars (\$2) per month and the employer shall pay the difference, if any. If the total monthly premium required exceeds four dollars (\$4), the member and the employer shall evenly share the total required monthly premium.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the total monthly premium required for Section 21574.7, as determined by the board, shall be offset by the uniform amortization of surplus assets within this account. Member contributions shall be two dollars (\$2) per month until such time as the future required monthly premium exceeds four



dollars (\$4), and the employer shall pay the difference between the total required monthly premium and the member's contribution. Once the total required monthly premium exceeds four dollars (\$4), the member and the employer shall evenly share the required monthly premium.

SEC. 5. (a) Section 1.1 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 21573 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and AB 232. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) each bill amends Section 21573 of the Government Code, and (3) SB 400 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that section, and (4) this bill is enacted after AB 232, in which case Sections 1, 1.2, and 1.3 of this bill shall not become operative.

(b) Section 1.2 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 21573 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and SB 400. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) each bill amends Section 21573 of the Government Code, (3) AB 232 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that section, and (4) this bill is enacted after SB 400 in which case Sections 1, 1.1, and 1.3 of this bill shall not become operative.

(c) Section 1.3 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 21573 of the Government Code proposed by this bill, AB 232, and SB 400. It shall only become operative if (1) all three bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) all three bills amend Section 21573 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 232 and SB 400, in which case Sections 1, 1.1, and 1.2 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 6. Section 2.1 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 21574 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and AB 232. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) each bill amends Section 21574 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 232, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 7. Section 4.1 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 21581 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and SB 400. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2000, (2) each bill amends Section 21581 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 400, in which case Section 4 of this bill shall not become operative.

