

## CHAPTER 353B

## LOCAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION BENEFIT PLANS

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**353B.02 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 9, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 10. **Salary.** (a) "Salary" for benefit computation and contribution purposes means the salary of a first class or first grade firefighter or patrol officer, whichever applies, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Anoka police relief association;
- (2) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (3) Austin police relief association;
- (4) Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;
- (5) Fairmont police benefit association;
- (6) Faribault fire department relief association;
- (7) Mankato fire department relief association;
- (8) Minneapolis fire department relief association;
- (9) Minneapolis police relief association;
- (10) Richfield fire department relief association;
- (11) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (12) Rochester police relief association;
- (13) St. Cloud fire department relief association;
- (14) St. Cloud police relief association;
- (15) St. Paul fire department relief association;
- (16) South St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (17) West St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (18) West St. Paul police relief association; and
- (19) Winona fire department relief association.

(b) "Salary" for benefit computation purposes means the salary of a first grade patrol officer for the second month of the previous fiscal year and for contribution purposes means the current salary of a first grade patrol officer, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Bloomington police relief association;
- (2) Crystal police relief association;
- (3) Fridley police pension association;
- (4) Richfield police relief association;
- (5) St. Louis Park police relief association; and
- (6) Winona police relief association.

(c) "Salary" for benefit computation purposes means the final salary and for contribution purposes means the current salary for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea firefighters relief association;
- (2) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (3) Buhl police relief association;
- (4) Chisholm firefighters relief association;

- (5) Crookston fire department relief association;
- (6) Crookston police relief association;
- (7) Faribault police benefit association;
- (8) Red Wing police relief association; and
- (9) Virginia fire department relief association.

(d) "Salary" for benefit computation purposes means the average earnings or salary for the final six months of employment before retirement and for contribution purposes means the current salary for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Chisholm police relief association;
- (2) Hibbing firefighters relief association; and
- (3) Hibbing police relief association.

(e) "Salary" for benefit computation purposes means the greater of the final salary at retirement or the highest salary of a patrol officer and for contribution purposes means the greater of the current salary or the current highest salary of a patrol officer for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Brainerd police benefit association; and
- (2) New Ulm police relief association.

(f) "Salary" for benefit computation and contribution purposes means the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) salary of a top grade patrol officer, including longevity pay and education incentive pay in an amount not to exceed \$235 per month, Columbia Heights police relief association;

(2) maximum pay of a firefighter, Duluth firefighters relief association;

(3) salary of a first class patrol officer with 16 years of service, Duluth police pension association;

(4) base salary for the rank currently held, plus longevity pay, pay for eligibility for next higher rank and pay for first aid care, Mankato police benefit association;

(5) average annual salary for highest three paid years for benefit computation purposes and current salary for contribution purposes, Red Wing fire department relief association;

(6) pay of the highest grade full-time firefighter, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

(7) maximum monthly pay of a patrol officer, St. Paul police relief association;

(8) prevailing base pay of rank held at retirement for benefit computation purposes and current salary for contribution purposes, South St. Paul police relief association; and

(9) prevailing pay for rank held for at least six months before retirement for benefit computation purposes and current salary for contribution purposes, Virginia police relief association.

*[For text of subds 11 and 12, see M.S.1992]*

**History:** 1993 c 126 art 2 s 1

### 353B.07 SERVICE PENSIONS.

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]*

**Subd. 3. Formula percentage rate.** (a) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.333 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not in excess of 27 years, and .5 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 25 years for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (2) Rochester police relief association;
- (3) St. Cloud fire department relief association;
- (4) St. Cloud police relief association;
- (5) St. Louis Park police relief association; and
- (6) Winona police relief association.

(b) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (2) Anoka police relief association;
- (3) Faribault fire department relief association;
- (4) Faribault police benefit association;
- (5) Mankato police benefit association;
- (6) Red Wing police relief association; and
- (7) West St. Paul police relief association.

(c) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of service in excess of 25 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (2) Austin police relief association;
- (3) South St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (4) South St. Paul police relief association; and
- (5) Virginia police relief association.

(d) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.1875 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.25 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service for the former members of the Columbia Heights police relief association.

(e) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.65 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional annual benefit of \$120 per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not in excess of 25 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Hibbing firefighters relief association; and
- (2) Hibbing police relief association.

(f) The formula percentage rate or rates shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Albert Lea firefighters relief association;

(2) 2.5333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service, if service as an active member terminated before January 31, 1994, and 2.3333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service if service as an active member terminated on or after January 31, 1994, Bloomington police relief association;

(3) the greater of 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to the final salary base, or two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to top grade patrol officer's salary base, Brainerd police relief association;

(4) 4.25 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$10 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Buhl police relief association;

(5) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$5 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Chisholm firefighters relief association;

(6) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$5 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Chisholm police relief association;

(7) 2.1875 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service and 1.75 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;

(8) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service rendered after attaining the age of 60 years, Crookston fire department relief association;

(9) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 30 years of allowable service, Crookston police relief association;

(10) 2.25 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not more than 27 years of service, Crystal police relief association;

(11) 1.99063 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent for the 21st year of allowable service, and 2.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 21 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Duluth firefighters relief association;

(12) 1.9875 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent for the 21st year of allowable service, and 2.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 21 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Duluth police relief association;

(13) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, and two percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 25 years of allowable service and not to include any year of allowable service rendered after attaining the age of 55 years, Fairmont police benefit association;

(14) two percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first ten years of allowable service, 2.67 percent per year of allowable service in excess of ten years of allowable service but not more than 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of service but not more than 27 years of allowable service, Fridley police pension association;

(15) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional annual amount of \$30 per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 30 years of allowable service, Mankato fire department relief association;

(16) for members who terminated active service as a Minneapolis firefighter before June 1, 1993, 2.0625 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20

years of allowable service but not more than 24 years of allowable service and five percent for the 25th year of allowable service, and for members who terminated active service as a Minneapolis firefighter after May 31, 1993, two percent for each year of the first 19 years of allowable service, 3.25 percent for the 20th year of allowable service, and two percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of service, but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Minneapolis fire department relief association;

(17) 2.125 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 24 years of allowable service, and five percent for the 25th year of allowable service, Minneapolis police relief association;

(18) the greater of 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to the final salary base, or two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to highest patrol officer's salary base plus .5 percent of the final salary base per year of allowable service for each of the first three years of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, New Ulm police relief association;

(19) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 25 years of allowable service and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Red Wing fire department relief association;

(20) 2.55 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, Richfield fire department relief association;

(21) 2.4 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 27 years of allowable service, Richfield police relief association;

(22) for a former member with less than 20 years of allowable service on June 16, 1985, 2.6 percent, and for a former member with 20 or more years of allowable service on June 16, 1985, 2.6175 percent for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and, for each former member, one percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years, but no more than 30 years, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

(23) 1.9375 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 2.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, St. Paul fire department relief association;

(24) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, St. Paul police relief association;

(25) 2.25 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years, Virginia fire department relief association;

(26) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 24 years of allowable service, three percent for the 25th year of allowable service and one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service but not more than 30 years of allowable service, West St. Paul firefighters relief association; and

(27) 2.333 percent for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.333 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but no more than 28 years, and .5 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 25 years, Winona fire department relief association.

*[For text of subds 4 to 7, see M.S.1992]*

**History:** 1993 c 125 art 2 s 1; 1993 c 202 art 2 s 1

**353B.08 DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1992]*

**Subd. 6. Duty disability benefit amount.** (a) The duty disability benefit shall be an amount equal to the service pension amount to which the person would have been entitled if the person had credit for the greater of actual years of allowable service or 20 years of allowable service, had attained the minimum age for the receipt of a service pension, and had applied for a service pension rather than a disability benefit for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea firefighters relief association;
- (2) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (3) Anoka police relief association;
- (4) Austin police relief association;
- (5) Buhl police relief association;
- (6) Chisholm police relief association;
- (7) Duluth police relief association;
- (8) Faribault fire department relief association;
- (9) Mankato police benefit association;
- (10) Minneapolis police relief association;
- (11) New Ulm police relief association;
- (12) Red Wing police relief association;
- (13) St. Paul police relief association;
- (14) South St. Paul police relief association; and
- (15) Virginia police relief association.

(b) The duty disability benefit shall be an amount equal to 48 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Fridley police pension association;
- (2) Richfield police relief association;
- (3) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (4) Rochester police relief association;
- (5) St. Cloud fire department relief association;
- (6) St. Cloud police relief association;
- (7) St. Louis Park police relief association; and
- (8) Winona police relief association.

(c) The duty disability benefit shall be an amount equal to 50 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (2) Crookston fire department relief association;
- (3) Fairmont police benefit association;
- (4) Mankato fire department relief association;
- (5) Richfield fire department relief association;
- (6) South St. Paul firefighters relief association; and
- (7) Virginia fire department relief association.

(d) The duty disability benefit shall be an amount equal to 45 percent of the salary base for the former members of the Crystal police relief association.

(e) The duty disability benefit shall be an amount equal to 40 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) West St. Paul firefighters relief association; and
- (2) West St. Paul police relief association.

(f) The duty disability benefit shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) 52 percent of the salary base for former members who were disabled before January 31, 1994, and 48 percent of the salary base for former members who become disabled after January 31, 1994, Bloomington police relief association;

(2) 40 percent of the top salary for a patrol officer, Brainerd police relief association;

(3) \$100 per month, Chisholm firefighters relief association;

(4) 37.5 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for less than ten years of allowable service, 43.75 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for more than nine years but less than 15 years of allowable service and 50 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for more than 14 years of allowable service credit, Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;

(5) 43.75 percent of the salary base, Columbia Heights police relief association;

(6) 25 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for less than 12 years of allowable service and an additional amount equal to 2.5 percent of the salary base per year if allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 11 years of allowable service, not more than 50 percent, Crookston police relief association;

(7) 51.0625 percent of the salary base, Duluth firefighters relief association;

(8) 12.5 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for less than six years of allowable service, 2.5 percent of the salary base per year of allowable service if the person has more than five years of allowable service, but not more than 50 percent of the salary base, Faribault police benefit association;

(9) the dollar amount which equals the benefit which would be payable under chapter 176 for a comparable benefit which qualifies for a workers' compensation benefit for a first class disability, 75 percent of the amount payable in the event of a first class disability for a second class disability and 50 percent of the amount payable in the event of a first class disability for a third class disability, Hibbing firefighters relief association;

(10) \$120 per month, Hibbing police relief association;

(11) 51.25 percent of the salary base for a first class disability, 41.25 percent of the salary base for a second class disability, and 31.25 percent of the salary base for a third class disability, Minneapolis fire department relief association;

(12) 40 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for less than 20 years of allowable service and two percent of the salary base per year of allowable service if the person has more than 19 years of allowable service, but not more than 50 percent, Red Wing fire department relief association;

(13) 50 percent of the salary base if the person has credit for less than 20 years of allowable service and an amount equal to the service pension amount to which the person would have been entitled based on the applicable amount of allowable service if the person had attained the minimum age for the receipt of a service pension and had applied for a service pension rather than a disability benefit and if the person has credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

(14) 50 percent of the salary base if the person is not able to perform the duties of any other gainful employment, 39.375 percent of the salary base if the person is only able to perform the duties of light manual labor or office employment and 33.75 percent of the salary base if the person is able to perform the duties of other manual labor, St. Paul fire department relief association; and

(15) 42.667 percent of the salary base, Winona fire department relief association.

*[For text of subds 7 to 13, see M.S.1992]*

**History:** 1993 c 202 art 2 s 2

### **353B.11 SURVIVOR BENEFITS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]*

**Subd. 2. Eligibility; surviving child benefit.** (a) Except as specified in paragraph (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g), the person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member and who is younger than age 18 at the time of the death of the deceased member shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit.

(b) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member, and who is younger than age 18 if the person is not a full-time student or age 22 if the person is a full-time student shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Bloomington police relief association;
- (2) Buhl police relief association;
- (3) Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;
- (4) Duluth firefighters relief association;
- (5) Duluth police pension association;
- (6) Minneapolis fire department relief association;
- (7) Minneapolis police relief association; and
- (8) St. Paul fire department relief association.

(c) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member and who is younger than age 16 shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Chisholm police relief association; and
- (2) Hibbing police relief association.

(d) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member and who is younger than age 19 shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the Albert Lea firefighters relief association.

(e) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member and who is younger than age 18 if the person is not a full-time student or age 21 if the person is a full-time student shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the Crookston police relief association.

(f) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member, who was dependent on the deceased member and who is younger than age 18 shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the Red Wing police relief association.

(g) The person who survives a deceased active, deferred, or retired member, who is the child of the deceased member and who is younger than age 18 if the person is not a full-time student or age 23 if the person is a full-time student shall be entitled to receive a surviving child benefit in the case of former members of the St. Paul police relief association.

**Subd. 3. Amount; surviving spouse benefit.** (a) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 30 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea firefighters relief association;
- (2) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (3) Anoka police relief association;
- (4) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (5) Austin police relief association;
- (6) Brainerd police benefit association;
- (7) Crookston police relief association;



- (8) Faribault fire department relief association; and
- (9) West St. Paul firefighters relief association.
- (b) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 25 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Chisholm police relief association;
  - (2) Duluth firefighters relief association;
  - (3) Duluth police pension association;
  - (4) Fairmont police benefit association;
  - (5) Red Wing fire department relief association;
  - (6) South St. Paul police relief association; and
  - (7) West St. Paul police relief association.
- (c) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 24 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Fridley police pension association;
  - (2) Richfield police relief association;
  - (3) Rochester fire department relief association;
  - (4) Rochester police relief association;
  - (5) Winona fire department relief association; and
  - (6) Winona police relief association.
- (d) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 40 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;
  - (2) New Ulm police relief association; and
  - (3) Richfield fire department relief association.
- (e) The surviving spouse benefit shall be \$250 per month for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Hibbing firefighters relief association; and
  - (2) Hibbing police relief association.
- (f) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 23.75 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Crystal police relief associations; and
  - (2) Minneapolis police relief association.
- (g) The surviving spouse benefit shall be 32 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) St. Cloud fire department relief association; and
  - (2) St. Cloud police relief association.
- (h) The surviving spouse benefit shall be one-half of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the greater of the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death or 20 years of allowable service credit if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:
  - (1) Virginia fire department relief association; and
  - (2) Virginia police relief association.
- (i) The surviving spouse benefit shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:
  - (1) 27.333 percent of the salary base, or one-half of the service pension payable to or accrued by the deceased former member, whichever is greater, Bloomington police relief association;

(2) 72.25 percent of the salary base, Buhl police relief association;

(3) 50 percent of the service pension which the active member would have received based on allowable service credit to the date of death and prospective service from the date of death until the date on which the person would have attained the normal retirement age, 50 percent of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or \$175 per month if the deceased member was receiving a service pension or disability benefit as of the date of death, Chisholm firefighters relief association;

(4) two-thirds of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the greater of the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death or 20 years of allowable service credit if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Columbia Heights police relief association;

(5) the greater of \$300 per month or one-half of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Crookston fire department relief association;

(6) \$100 per month, Faribault police benefit association;

(7) 60 percent of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Mankato fire department relief association;

(8) \$175 per month, Mankato police benefit association;

(9) 26.25 percent of the salary base, Minneapolis fire department relief association;

(10) equal to the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Red Wing police relief association;

(11) 40 percent of the salary base for a surviving spouse of a deceased active member, disabled member, or retired or deferred member with at least 20 years of allowable service, or the prorated portion of 40 percent of the salary base that bears the same relationship to 40 percent that the deceased member's years of allowable service bear to 20 years of allowable service for the surviving spouse of a deceased retired or deferred member with at least ten but less than 20 years of allowable service, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

(12) 26.6667 percent of the salary base, St. Louis Park police relief association;

(13) 27.5 percent of the salary base, St. Paul fire department relief association;

(14) 20 percent of the salary base, St. Paul police relief association; and

(15) 27 percent of the salary base, South St. Paul firefighters relief association.

**Subd. 4. Amount; surviving child benefit.** (a) The surviving child benefit shall be eight percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

(1) Fridley police pension association;

(2) Red Wing fire department relief association;

- (3) Richfield police relief association;
- (4) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (5) Rochester police relief association;
- (6) St. Cloud police relief association;
- (7) St. Louis Park police relief association;
- (8) South St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (9) Winona fire department relief association; and
- (10) Winona police relief association.

(b) The surviving child benefit shall be \$25 per month for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Anoka police relief association;
- (2) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (3) Austin police relief association;
- (4) Faribault police benefit association;
- (5) Hibbing firefighters relief association;
- (6) Mankato police benefit association;
- (7) South St. Paul police relief association; and
- (8) Virginia fire department relief association.

(c) The surviving child benefit shall be ten percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (2) Crookston police relief association;
- (3) Duluth firefighters relief association;
- (4) Duluth police pension association;
- (5) Faribault fire department relief association; and
- (6) Minneapolis fire department relief association.

(d) The surviving child benefit shall be five percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;
- (2) St. Paul police relief association; and
- (3) West St. Paul firefighters relief associations.

(e) The surviving child benefit shall be \$15 per month for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Crookston fire department relief association;
- (2) Hibbing police relief association; and
- (3) West St. Paul police relief association.

(f) The surviving child benefit shall be 7.5 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Bloomington police relief association; and
- (2) Crystal police relief association.

(g) The surviving child benefit shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) ten percent of the salary base if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable, that amount between ten percent of the salary base and 50 percent of the salary base as determined by the executive director of the public employees retirement association, based on the financial circumstances and need of the surviving child or surviving children, applied in a uniform manner, reflective to the extent practicable or determinable to the past administrative practices of the board of the consolidating relief association before the effective date of the consolidation if there is a surviving spouse but no surviving spouse benefit is also payable on account of the remarriage of the surviving spouse,

or 50 percent of the salary base, payable in equal shares for more than one surviving child, if there is no surviving spouse, Albert Lea firefighters relief association;

(2) four percent of the salary base, Brainerd police benefit association;

(3) \$125 per month if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or an amount equal to the surviving spouse benefit, payable in equal shares if there is more than one surviving child, if no surviving spouse benefit is payable, Buhl police relief association;

(4) \$15 per month, Chisholm firefighters relief association;

(5) \$125 per month, Chisholm police relief association;

(6) \$50 per month, Columbia Heights police relief association;

(7) 6.25 percent of the salary base, Fairmont police benefit association;

(8) 12.5 percent of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Mankato fire department relief association;

(9) ten percent of the salary base if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or an amount determined by the executive director of the public employees retirement association based on the financial circumstances and need of the surviving child or surviving children, applied in a uniform manner, and subject to the largest applicable amount surviving child benefit maximum if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Minneapolis police relief association;

(10) \$25 per month if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or an amount equal to the surviving spouse benefit, payable in equal shares if there is more than one surviving child, New Ulm police relief association;

(11) in an amount determined by the executive director of the public employees retirement association based on the financial circumstances and need of the surviving child or surviving children, applied in a uniform manner, reflective to the extent practicable or determinable to the past administrative practices of the board of the consolidating relief association before the effective date of the consolidation and not more than the largest surviving child benefit amount prescribed for any other actual or potential consolidating relief association as provided in this section, Red Wing police relief association;

(12) five percent of the salary base if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 15 percent of the salary base if no surviving spouse benefit is payable, Richfield fire department relief association;

(13) 5.3334 percent of the salary base, St. Cloud fire department relief association;

(14) five percent of the salary base if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 15 percent of the salary base if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable for the surviving child or children of a deceased active member, disabled member, or retired or deferred member with at least 20 years of active service, or the prorated portion of five percent of the salary base if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 15 percent of the salary base if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable that bears the same relationship to five or 15 percent that the deceased member's years of allowable service bear to 20 years of allowable service for the surviving child or children of a deceased retired or deferred member with at least ten but less than 20 years of allowable service, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

(15) ten percent of the salary base, St. Paul fire department relief association; and

(16) \$50 per month, Virginia police relief association.

**Subd. 5. Survivor benefit maximum.** (a) No surviving children or surviving family maximum shall be applicable to former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

(1) Buhl police relief association;

- (2) Chisholm firefighters relief association;
- (3) Chisholm police relief association;
- (4) Hibbing firefighters relief association;
- (5) Mankato police benefit association;
- (6) New Ulm police relief association;
- (7) Red Wing fire department relief association;
- (8) Red Wing police relief association;
- (9) St. Paul police relief association; and
- (10) South St. Paul police relief association.

(b) The surviving children maximum shall be 24 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 48 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Fridley police pension association;
- (2) Richfield police relief association;
- (3) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (4) Rochester police relief association;
- (5) Winona fire department relief association; and
- (6) Winona police relief association.

(c) The surviving family maximum shall be 50 percent of the salary base for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Anoka police relief association;
- (2) Austin firefighters relief association;
- (3) Austin police relief association;
- (4) Duluth firefighters relief association;
- (5) Richfield fire department relief association; and
- (6) St. Louis Park fire department relief association.

(d) The surviving family maximum shall be an amount equal to the service pension which a retiring member would have received based on 20 years of allowable service credit if the member had attained the age of at least 50 years in the case of an active member, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death in the case of a deferred member, or of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Columbia Heights police relief association;
- (2) Virginia fire department relief association; and
- (3) Virginia police relief association.

(e) The surviving children maximum shall be 25 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 50 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Duluth police pension association; and
- (2) Fairmont police benefit association.

(f) The surviving children maximum shall be 22.5 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 45 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, for the former members of the Crystal police relief association.

(g) The surviving children maximum shall be 16 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 48 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) St. Cloud fire department relief association; and
- (2) St. Cloud police relief association.

(h) The surviving children maximum shall be 20 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 50 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea firefighters relief association;
- (2) Albert Lea police relief association; and
- (3) Faribault fire department relief association.

(i) The surviving family maximum shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations:

- (1) 60 percent of the salary base, Bloomington police relief association;
- (2) \$450 per month, Crookston police relief association;

(3) 80 percent of the service pension or disability benefit which the deceased member was receiving as of the date of death, or of the service pension which the deferred member would have been receiving if the service pension had commenced as of the date of death or of the service pension which the active member would have received based on the greater of the allowable service credit of the person as of the date of death or 20 years of allowable service credit if the person would have been eligible as of the date of death, Mankato fire department relief association; and

- (4) 57.5 percent of the salary base, St. Paul fire department relief association.

(j) The surviving child maximum shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations:

(1) 20 percent of the top salary payable to a patrol officer, Brainerd police benefit association;

(2) ten percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 15 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Columbia Heights fire department relief association, paid division;

(3) \$105 per month if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or \$90 per month if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Crookston fire department relief association;

- (4) \$125 per month, Faribault police benefit association;

(5) \$30 per month if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or \$180 per month if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Hibbing police relief association;

(6) 25 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 51.25 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Minneapolis fire department relief association;

(7) 17.5 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 50 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, Minneapolis police relief association;

- (8) 24 percent of the salary base, St. Louis Park police relief association;

(9) 23 percent of the salary base, if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or 50 percent of the salary base, if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, South St. Paul firefighters relief association;

- (10) ten percent of the salary base, West St. Paul firefighters relief association; and

(11) \$30 per month if a surviving spouse benefit is also payable or \$75 per month if no surviving spouse benefit is also payable, West St. Paul police relief association.

**Subd. 6. Discontinuation; surviving spouse benefit.** (a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) or (c), a surviving spouse benefit terminates upon the death or the subsequent marriage of the person entitled to receive or receiving a surviving spouse benefit.

(b) A surviving spouse benefit terminates upon the subsequent marriage of the person entitled to receive or receiving a surviving spouse benefit but recommences at the appropriate amount without any retroactive payments in the event of the termination

of the subsequent marriage for any reason for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea firefighters relief association;
- (2) Duluth firefighters relief association;
- (3) Minneapolis fire department relief association;
- (4) St. Paul fire department relief association; and
- (5) St. Paul police relief association.

(c) A surviving spouse benefit shall terminate only upon the death of the person entitled to receive or receiving a surviving spouse benefit for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea police relief association;
- (2) Anoka police relief association;
- (3) Bloomington police relief association;
- (4) Buhl police relief association;
- (5) Chisholm fire department relief association;
- (6) Chisholm police relief association;
- (7) Crookston fire department relief association;
- (8) Duluth police relief association;
- (9) Faribault fire department relief association;
- (10) Hibbing firefighters relief association;
- (11) Hibbing police relief association;
- (12) Mankato fire department relief association;
- (13) Red Wing fire department relief association;
- (14) Red Wing police relief association;
- (15) Rochester fire department relief association;
- (16) Rochester police relief association;
- (17) St. Cloud fire department relief association;
- (18) St. Louis Park fire department relief association;
- (19) St. Louis Park police relief association;
- (20) South St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (21) South St. Paul police relief association;
- (22) West St. Paul firefighters relief association;
- (23) Winona fire department relief association; and
- (24) Winona police relief association.

*[For text of subds 7 and 8, see M.S.1992]*

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