

SB 169 SCS1 provides that if the disabling condition is a total and permanent disability disabled due to a line of duty injury or as a single act of violence related to his or her job duties, or as a result of a duty-related injury regarding nonhazardous members, the monthly retirement allowance payable shall not be less than 75% of the member's monthly average pay. Additionally, dependent children payments shall not exceed 100% of the member's monthly average pay and the total dependent' children's benefits shall not exceed 25% of the members monthly average pay while the member is living and 40% of the member's monthly average pay after the member's death. All payments shall be divided equally among all dependent children.

Also as a result of a line of duty or duty-related injury, the member will have his premium for hospital and medical benefits paid in full as if he or she had completed 240 months of service. These premiums shall be paid for the spouse if the member is disabled and if the member is deceased, the premiums shall be paid for the surviving spouse (if the spouse is also the beneficiary) and for the dependent children as long as the member, beneficiary, or dependent child remains eligible for a monthly retirement benefit.

All sections of SB 169 SCS1 are applicable to the County Employees Retirement System.

The fiscal impact of SB 169 SCS1 on local governments indeterminable without a review of each entity's fiscal situation and their ability to meet the contribution requirement. If they are not, the impact on the local government is dependent on whether or not the agencies are state-funded; whether or not the agencies, primarily health departments, have taxing authority; and whether or not the local government is fiscally able to make up the difference if the agency is unable to pay their contribution.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

SB 169 SCS1 keeps all the provision of SB 169 as introduced and makes Sections 1 thru 8 of SB 169 SCS1 applicable to the County Employees Retirement System.

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