

children under the age of eighteen years living at the death of such member, then to [his] THE MEMBER'S dependent father or dependent mother as the board in its discretion shall direct to continue for life, a pension of fifty per centum of his average final compensation. If [such] THE member at the time of his death shall not leave a [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE, child or children under the age of eighteen years or dependent parent or parents, the ordinary death benefit shall be the only death benefit payable.

(c) [Provided, however, that the] THE cost of special death benefits provided herein, exclusive of benefits for members whose death arises out of or in the course of actual performance of duty, shall be paid as follows: The State of Maryland shall pay the cost of [such] THE special death benefits, including normal contribution rate and accrued liability rate, provided [such] THE cost is not in excess of the current employer's contribution rate for federal old age and survivors' insurance; any excess in cost of [such] THE special death benefits over the current rate for old age and survivors' insurance shall be paid by the members. [Provided further that the] THE State of Maryland shall pay the full cost of special death benefits applicable to members whose death arises out of or in the course of actual performance of duty.

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(12) Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member who was retired under the provisions of subsection (1) or (3) of this section on or after July 1, 1965, there shall be paid child's insurance benefits, [widow's] SURVIVING SPOUSE'S insurance benefits, mother's insurance benefits, parents' insurance benefits and lump-sum death payments which are computed and paid in accordance with the provisions of Title II of the federal Social Security Act as in effect at the time of payment, provided that the average monthly wage upon which [such] THE benefits are based is deemed to be the lesser of one twelfth the member's average final compensation or the maximum average monthly wage then in effect. The amount of benefits payable under this subsection shall not include any type of cost-of-living adjustments that the federal government may provide.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

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