

HB 1800 -- STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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Currently, a retirement benefit is not payable to a member of the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System or the Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System if the member dies prior to retirement and there is no eligible spouse or a child under the age of 21.

This bill allows any member of the retirement system who is eligible to retire and submits an application for retirement, submits the application for the earliest annuity starting date otherwise allowed by law, elects a form of payment, designates a beneficiary, and dies prior to the member's annuity starting date to be considered to have retired and died on what would otherwise have been the member's annuity starting date allowing the beneficiary to receive a survivor's benefit.

The provisions of the bill will not apply to a member having an eligible spouse or child under the age of 21.