

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1844 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY ADAMS AND MARSHALL, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership,  
3 contributions and benefits, providing for supplemental  
4 annuities commencing 2024; and, in benefits, providing for  
5 supplemental annuities commencing 2024.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 8348.8. Supplemental annuities commencing 2024.

11 (a) Benefits.--In July 2024, July 2025 and July 2026, an  
12 eligible benefit recipient shall be entitled to receive a  
13 supplemental annuity payment from the system as specified in  
14 this section. The additional monthly supplemental annuity  
15 payments under this section shall be in addition to the  
16 supplemental annuities provided for under sections 8348  
17 (relating to supplemental annuities), 8348.1 (relating to  
18 additional supplemental annuities), 8348.2 (relating to further  
19 additional supplemental annuities), 8348.3 (relating to  
20 supplemental annuities commencing 1994), 8348.4 (relating to

special supplemental postretirement adjustment), 8348.5  
(relating to supplemental annuities commencing 1998), 8348.6  
(relating to supplemental annuities commencing 2002) and 8348.7  
(relating to supplemental annuities commencing 2003).

(b) Amount of supplemental annuity payment.--The amount of a  
supplemental annuity payment payable under this section shall be  
the amount of the regular monthly annuity payment received by  
the eligible benefit recipient for or in the June immediately  
prior to the July in which the supplemental annuity payment is  
made.

(c) Payment.--The supplemental annuity payments provided  
under this section shall be paid automatically unless the  
annuitant files a written notice with the board requesting that  
the supplemental annuity payments not be paid.

(d) Conditions.--The supplemental annuity payments provided  
under this section shall not affect the amount paid after the  
death of a member under sections 8345 (relating to member's  
options) and 8347 (relating to death benefits).

(e) Benefits to beneficiaries or survivors.--No supplemental  
annuity payment provided under this section shall be payable to  
a beneficiary or survivor annuitant of a member who dies before  
the July in which the supplemental annuity payment is made.

(f) Funding.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
the contrary, the additional liability for the increase in  
benefits provided under this section shall be funded in equal  
dollar annual installments over a period of 10 years beginning  
July 1, 2024.

(g) Eligible benefit recipient.--

(1) An eligible benefit recipient is an individual:

(i) Who is receiving a superannuation, withdrawal or

1 disability annuity on July 1, 2024, to be eligible to  
2 receive the July 2024 supplemental annuity payment; July  
3 1, 2025, to be eligible to receive the July 2025  
4 supplemental annuity payment; and July 1, 2026, to be  
5 eligible to receive the July 2026 supplemental annuity  
6 payment.

7 (ii) Whose most recent effective date of retirement  
8 is prior to July 2, 2001.

9 (iii) Whose credited service does not include any  
10 service credited as either Class T-D, Class D-4 or Class  
11 AA service.

12 (2) A supplemental annuity payment provided under this  
13 section shall not be payable to an annuitant receiving a  
14 withdrawal annuity prior to the first day of July coincident  
15 with or following the annuitants attainment of superannuation  
16 age.

17 Section 2. Title 71 is amended by adding a section to read:  
18 § 5708.9. Supplemental annuities commencing 2024.

19 (a) Benefits.--In July 2024, July 2025 and July 2026, an  
20 eligible benefit recipient shall be entitled to receive a  
21 supplemental annuity payment from the system as specified in  
22 this section. The additional monthly supplemental annuity  
23 payments under this section shall be in addition to the  
24 supplemental annuities provided for under sections 5708  
25 (relating to supplemental annuities), 5708.1 (relating to  
26 additional supplemental annuities), 5708.2 (relating to further  
27 additional supplemental annuities), 5708.3 (relating to  
28 supplemental annuities commencing 1994), 5708.4 (relating to  
29 special supplemental postretirement adjustment), 5708.5  
30 (relating to supplemental annuities commencing 1998), 5708.6

1 (relating to supplemental annuities commencing 2002), 5708.7  
2 (relating to supplemental annuities commencing 2003) and 5708.8  
3 (relating to special supplemental postretirement adjustment of  
4 2002).

5 (b) Amount of supplemental annuity payment.--The amount of a  
6 supplemental annuity payment under this section shall be the  
7 amount of the regular monthly annuity payment received by the  
8 eligible benefit recipient for or in the June immediately prior  
9 to the July in which the supplemental annuity payment is made.

10 (c) Payment.--The supplemental annuity payments provided  
11 under this section shall be paid automatically unless the  
12 annuitant files a written notice with the board requesting that  
13 the supplemental annuity payments not be paid.

14 (d) Conditions.--The supplemental annuity payments provided  
15 under this section shall not affect the amount paid after the  
16 death of a member under sections 5705 (relating to member's  
17 options) and 5707 (relating to death benefits).

18 (e) Benefits to beneficiaries or survivors.--No supplemental  
19 annuity payment under this section shall be payable to a  
20 beneficiary or survivor annuitant of a member who dies before  
21 the July in which the supplemental annuity payment is made.

22 (f) Funding.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
23 the contrary, the additional liability for the increase in  
24 benefits provided under this section shall be funded in equal  
25 dollar annual installments over a period of 10 years beginning  
26 July 1, 2024.

27 (g) Eligible benefit recipients.--

28 (1) An eligible benefit recipient is an individual:

29 (i) Who is receiving a superannuation, withdrawal or  
30 disability annuity on July 1, 2024, to be eligible to

1 receive the July supplemental annuity payment; July 1,  
2 2025, to be eligible to receive the July 2025  
3 supplemental annuity payment and July 1, 2026, to be  
4 eligible to receive the July 2026 supplemental annuity  
5 payment.

6 (ii) Whose most recent effective date of retirement  
7 is prior to July 2, 2001.

8 (iii) Whose credited service does not include any  
9 service credited as either Class T-D, Class D-4 or Class  
10 AA service.

11 (2) A supplemental annuity payment provided under this  
12 section shall not be payable to an annuitant receiving a  
13 withdrawal annuity prior to the first day of July coincident  
14 with or following the annuitant's attainment of  
15 superannuation age.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.