

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Grindberg

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 18-11 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to alternate firefighters relief association plan benefits; and to provide for  
3 retroactive application.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Service pensions - Formulation of optional plan.** With the consent of the governing  
8 body of the city involved, and in substitution for a pension payment schedule provided in section  
9 18-11-15, a firefighters relief association may adopt a monthly service pension plan for  
10 members of the association as provided in this section.

11 1. Retirement dates are defined as follows:

12 a. Normal retirement date is the first day of the month next following the month  
13 in which the member attains the age of fifty-five years.

14 b. Early retirement date is the first day of the month next following the month in  
15 which the member attains the age of fifty years. The benefit of a member  
16 retiring under this subdivision must be actuarially reduced pursuant to the  
17 association's bylaws.

18 2. Normal retirement benefits for members reaching normal retirement date equal an  
19 annual amount, payable monthly, comprised of a service benefit that equals two  
20 and thirty-three hundredths percent of a first-class firefighter's salary at the time of  
21 the member's retirement multiplied by the number of years of service employment  
22 up to a maximum of thirty years.

23 3. Upon termination of employment after completing ten years of eligible employment  
24 but before normal retirement date, a member is eligible to receive deferred vested

1 retirement benefits payable commencing on the member's normal retirement date  
2 equal to one hundred percent of the member's accrued benefits.

3 4. Members participating in a firefighters relief association paying a monthly service  
4 pension to members of the association under this section must serve ten years  
5 before they are eligible for a service pension.

6 5. Upon the recommendation of the association's actuary, the association may  
7 implement postretirement adjustments on an actuarially sound basis to pensioners  
8 and beneficiaries under the plan.

9 **SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF ACT.** This Act is retroactive to  
10 January 1, 1998.