

Legislative History

- 2013 AB 507 (Garcia) – Would have eliminated the contract options that provide a higher benefit of \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 with the additional employer contributions required to fund the benefit computed as a level percentage of member compensation and raised the required benefit to \$4,000 for school member deaths occurring in 2014, and increased the benefit each year by \$500 until it reaches \$6,000, whereupon it would be adjusted annually in the same manner as retiree cost-of-living adjustments. Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee. *CalPERS position: None.*
- 2012 AB 2606 (Mendoza) - Would have raised the required benefit to \$4,000 for a school member death occurring during 2013, and increase the benefit each year by \$500 until it reached \$6,000, whereupon it would be adjusted annually in the same manner as retiree COLA payments. Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.  
*CalPERS position: None*
- 2010 SB 1209 (Romero) – Would have increased the \$2,000 death benefit paid to the designated beneficiary of a retired school member to \$6,163, with the additional employer contributions required to fund this benefit to be computed as a level percentage of member compensation. Failed passage in the Senate PE&R Committee. *CalPERS position: Neutral, if Amended*
- 2010 SB 593 (Romero) – Would have increased the \$2,000 death benefit be paid to the designated beneficiary of a retired school member to \$6,163, with the additional employer contributions required to fund this benefit to be computed as a level percentage of member compensation. This bill died in the Senate. *CalPERS position: Neutral, if Amended*
- 2009 AB 1477 (Krekorian) – Would have increased the \$2,000 death benefit be paid to the designated beneficiary of a retired school member to \$6,163, with the additional employer contributions required to fund this benefit to be computed as a level percentage of member compensation. This bill died in the Assembly.  
*CalPERS position: Neutral, if Amended*
- 2002 AB 2688 (Alquist) – Would have increased the various death benefits paid to all members and retirees in the retirement systems administered by CalPERS to \$7,500. This bill died in the Assembly. *CalPERS position: Sponsor*
- 2001 Chapter 1145 (SB 1156, Burton) – Would have raised the death benefit for state and school retirees to \$5,000. The death benefit language was amended out of the bill prior to passage. *CalPERS position: Support, with amendments*
- AB 1162 (Alquist) – Would have raised the death benefit for state and school retirees to \$5,000. This bill died in the Assembly. *CalPERS position: Support*

- 2000 Chapter 947 (AB 50, Migden) – Raised the death benefit for retired school members from \$600 to \$2,000. *CalPERS position: Sponsor*
- 1998 AB 1829 (Correa) – Would have increased the death benefit for both state and school members who retired prior to July 3, 2001 to \$5,000. This bill died in the Assembly. *CalPERS position: Co-Sponsor*
- Chapter 296 (AB 1640 (Migden) – Authorized school employers and contracting agencies the option to amend their contract to provide a \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 lump sum retired member death benefit. *CalPERS position: Support*
- 1990 Chapter 1701 (SB 1683, Mello) – Raised the death benefit for retired state members from \$600 to \$2,000. *CalPERS position: Support*