

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 205(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/10/26

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS GIESSEL, Gray-Jackson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to occupational disability benefits for court services officers, peace
2 officers, and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35.410(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) The monthly amount of an occupational disability benefit is 40 percent of
6 the disabled employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination due to
7 disability. For each month of eligibility after the first 12 months, the monthly
8 benefit amount payable to an employee who is a court services officer, a peace
9 officer, or a firefighter at the time of termination is increased to 75 percent of the
10 employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination. In this
11 subsection, "court services officer" means an officer assigned to a court by the
12 commissioner of public safety to serve warrants and court orders, provide court
13 security and judicial protection, and transport prisoners.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.890(d) is amended to read:

1 (d) The monthly amount of an occupational disability benefit is 40 percent of
 2 the disabled employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination due to
 3 disability. **For each month of eligibility after the first 12 months, the monthly**
 4 **benefit amount payable to an employee who is a court services officer, a peace**
 5 **officer, or a firefighter at the time of termination is increased to 75 percent of the**
 6 **employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination.**

7 Notwithstanding AS 39.35.790(b), at the time a member is appointed to disability, the
 8 member becomes fully vested in the employer contributions made under
 9 AS 39.35.750(a). A disabled member is fully vested in the contributions to the
 10 member's individual account made under this subsection. An employee is not entitled
 11 to elect distributions from the employee's individual contribution account under
 12 AS 39.35.810 while the employee is receiving disability benefits under this section.
 13 While an employee is receiving disability benefits, based on the disabled employee's
 14 gross monthly compensation at the time of termination due to disability, the employer
 15 shall make contributions **both** [(1)] to the employee's individual account under
 16 AS 39.35.730 on behalf of the employee, without deduction from the employee's
 17 disability payments, [;] and [(2)] on behalf of the employee under AS 39.35.750. **In**
 18 **this subsection, "court services officer" means an officer assigned to a court by**
 19 **the commissioner of public safety to serve warrants and court orders, provide**
 20 **court security and judicial protection, and transport prisoners.**

21 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).