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Research Analysis

Proposed committee substitute 3 for HB2272 designates deputy sheriffs and jailers first employed on or after November 1, 2020 as hazardous duty members of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

Hazardous duty members of OPERS receive increased retirement and pension benefits compared to non-hazardous duty employees and are subject the following contribution and benefit structure:

- The employee contribute rate is 8 percent of compensation whereas the employer contributes rate is 16.5 percent;
- Members are eligible to receive full, unreduced retirement benefits after 20 years of service;
- Benefits are calculated using a 2.5 percent per year multiplier for the first 20 years of service and 2 percent per year multiplier for service in excess of 20 years.

The measure also provides full retirement benefits to the surviving spouse or children or any deputy sheriffs and jailers, employed on or after November 1, 2020, who is killed or mortally wounded during the performance of their job duties. The monthly benefit is payable for life to the surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse or upon the death the surviving spouse, the benefit is payable to a child or the children of the deceased member, until the child or children reaches the age of 18 or 22 as long as the child or children are enrolled in and are regularly attending public school, private school or an institution of higher education.

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Fiscal Analysis

Officials for the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) estimate that for the new population impacted by the measure the combined employee and employer contribution rate of 24.5% of covered salary will be approximately 0.34% less than what is needed to cover the estimated costs related to the population. Calculated on an annual basis this equates to approximately \$318,000 in costs above contributions for the population; however, the OPERS actuaries do not expect the provisions of HB 2272 to have a material impact on the system's funded ratio.

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Other Considerations

None.

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