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Abstract: Requires the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) to report disability benefit reductions to workers' compensation payors.

<u>Present law</u> provides disability retirement benefits and workers' compensation benefits in amounts prescribed by law to an employee who is a member of FRS and who has a total disability as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties. <u>Present law</u> further provides that monthly disability retirement and workers' compensation benefits, when combined, shall not exceed the member's monthly average final compensation. If the combined benefits do exceed the member's monthly average final compensation, <u>present law</u> requires that both benefits be reduced, pro rata.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires FRS to report to the workers' compensation payor the name, social security number, and the amount of the FRS benefit reduction for each affected disability benefit recipient. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that FRS shall report the required information no later than March 31 of each calendar year and that the reported amount shall be presumed correct unless the payor gives FRS notice otherwise on or before June 30.

(Amends R.S. 11:2258(D))