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Why can't current disabled officers/firefighters be grandfathered for the proposed offsets. This bill has so many great parts to help police officers and firefighters and I support all those except the offsets. PERA already has offsets. I have been disabled for 12 years and retired for 10 and the proposed offsets would have a drastic financial hit on my family. I have 3 children in college and lived within my means with the offsets PERA had in place 10 years ago. I believe this would be unconstitutional without making it a moving forward bill.

How do I tell my wife we cannot afford our home and need to sell. How do I tell my children I can no longer send money for college. Why should this affect me 12 years later, there should be an amendment that says after this date anyone disabled needs to follow. If those were the rules when I retired several life decisions would have been made differently. I don't understand why the State would make these offset's without grandfathering disabled people already on it. Its not like after x number of years these will take effect. It happens right away without giving people time to adjust and make financial decisions.

I am asking that you amend this proposed bill to remove the offsets and leave the current offsets PERA already for current disabled police and firefighters from the proposed offsets.

Thank you

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