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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public employee retirement systems and plans; amending s. 112.66, F.S.; revising information that must be contained in a notice of denial of benefits; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 112.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.66 General provisions.--The following general provisions relating to the operation and administration of any retirement system or plan covered by this part shall be applicable:

(7) There shall be timely adequate written notice given to any member or beneficiary whose claim for benefits under the terms of his or her retirement system or plan has been denied, setting forth the grounds ~~specific reasons~~ for such denial; however, such written notice need not contain specific reasons or specific findings of either law or fact. Unless otherwise provided by law, the terms of the retirement system or plan shall provide for a full and fair review in those cases when a member or beneficiary has had his or her claim to benefits denied.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Deletes the requirement that a written notice of denial or retirement benefits contain specific reasons for the denial; grounds must be included, but specific reasons or findings are not necessary.