

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 203** HLS 25RS 54

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Extraordinary Medical & Dental Expenses for Firemen and		

FUNDS/FUNDING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers

Proposed law provides for the expansion of the powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen’s Survivor Benefit Review Board to pay extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers injured while performing their official duties. The legislation provides for definitions, exclusions, and a maximum benefit payment of \$150,000 per injury, per officer/fireman. The State Risk Director is authorized to pay claims from the Self-Insurance fund.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law requires a State General Fund (SGF) deposit of an indeterminable amount into the Self-Insurance Fund to cover the cost for the benefits proposed in this legislation.

Proposed law provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses for law enforcement officers and firemen by the Office of Risk Management (ORM), on behalf of, the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen’s Survivor Benefit Review Board. A specific appropriation for this purpose will be deposited into ORM’s Self-Insurance Fund. ORM’s Self-Insurance Fund consists of premium payments from participants in the state’s risk management program. The Self-Insurance Fund does not collect premiums for the type of benefits outlined in the proposed legislation. Revenues derived from self-insurance premiums cannot be used directly for this purpose. Therefore, a SGF deposit into the Self-Insurance Fund is required to make payments for the benefits included in this legislation.

According to ORM, the SGF deposit will be used for: (1) the payment of claims (up to \$150,000 per injury per claimant); (2) defense costs (if a suit is filed for a denied claim); and (3) additional administrative costs (additional ORM staff or service fees to ORM’s Third Party Administrator) to process payments. ORM is not aware of any pending claims or historical data to calculate a potential fiscal impact, so the impact is indeterminable at this time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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