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HB 203 Engrossed   2025 Regular Session   Chassion

Abstract: Provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course of their official duties.

Proposed law provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course of their official duties. Limits the maximum benefit payable to $50,000 per injury per officer.

Proposed law expands the powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board to hear and decide claims for extraordinary medical and dental expenses. Requires approval by the board of the extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course of their official duties. Allows the board to adopt rules and regulations.

Proposed law requires the state risk director to pay extraordinary medical and dental expenses from the Self Insurance Fund.

Proposed law applies to extraordinary medical or dental expenses incurred due to an injury arising out of and in the course of performance of an officer's duties on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Amends the heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40; Adds R.S. 39:1533(A)(3) and R.S. 40:1668.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

    The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Reduce the maximum benefit payable per injury per officer from $150,000 to $50,000.

2. Limit applicability to expenses incurred due to an injury arising out of and in the course of performance of an officer's duties on or after January 1, 2023.