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Fiscal Note



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Subject: Survivor Benefits for teachers and other school employees	

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides a survivor benefit for teachers and other school employees killed in the line of duty. (gov sig)

Proposed law provides for a survivors benefit to be paid to the spouse and dependent children of teachers or school employees who suffer death as a result of any injury incurred in the course of performance of their official duties. Proposed law provides that the sum of \$250,000 shall be paid to the surviving spouse of the teacher or school employee or, if not survived by a spouse, it shall be paid to the surviving child or children or, if not survived by a spouse nor a child or children, then it shall be paid to the named beneficiary. Proposed law also provides that if the teacher or school employee is survived by a dependent child or children, \$25,000 shall be paid to each of the dependent children, such sums to be paid to the duly appointed and qualified tutor or the legal representative of the child or children. Proposed law provides that if, at the time of his death, the teacher or school employee is not married to the other natural parent of any minor child or children who are entitled to receive a payment pursuant to proposed law, the payment shall be made to any person designated as a trustee by the teacher or school employee on a form provided by his employer. Effective upon the Governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will have an indeterminable impact on state expenditures to the extent any teacher or school employee at a public school board or public postsecondary institution suffers death as a result of any injury incurred in the course of performance of their official duties. The surviving spouse will receive a lump sum of \$250,000 while each surviving dependent will receive \$25,000. The number of incidents that would be eligible for these benefits cannot be projected.

Under present law (RS 40:1665(C) and 40:1665.2(C)), cases where a fireman or police officer dies in the line of duty the beneficiaries are entitled to payments. These payments made to law enforcement officers and firemen are from a direct, designated SGF appropriation specifically for that purpose. Any additional payments as a result of the proposed legislation will require an additional state general fund appropriation. Any potential increase in SGF is indeterminable and cannot be projected.

For informational purposes:

There are approximately 100,000 public K-12 teachers and school employees and 27,000 full-time equivalent employees in public postsecondary education in Louisiana. Based on data gathered from the National Center of Education Statistics and Campus Security and Safety, in the United States there have been 146 homicides from FY 10 to FY 14 (an annual average of 29) at elementary and middle (K-12) schools and 90 on campus homicides from FY 12 to 16 (an annual average of 18) at all postsecondary institutions. This data includes students, staff, and non-students. However, this legislation does not appear to be limited to homicides.

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}

House
 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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