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**Fiscal Note**



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LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to financial security for surviving spouses and children of certain cadets

**Present law** provides financial security for surviving spouses and children of specified law enforcement officers in certain cases.

**Proposed law** retains **present law** and adds that any cadet participating in the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Training Academy on or after July 1, 2018, be included in the listing of law enforcement officers whose surviving spouse and children are eligible to receive financial security.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**Proposed law** will increase SGF expenditures (via the statutorily dedicated Self-Insurance Fund) by at least \$300,000 in FY 20 and by \$250,000 (plus \$25,000 for each dependent child) for any future deaths of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) cadets as a result of any injury incurred in the course of performance of his or her official duties. The minimum \$300,000 FY 20 SGF expenditure is a result of **proposed law's** retroactive effective date of on or after July 1, 2018 (see NOTE below). The surviving spouse will receive a lump sum of \$250,000 while each surviving dependent will receive \$25,000.

Under **present law** (RS 40:1665(C) and 40:1665.2(C)), in 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 law** will require an additional SGF appropriation.

NOTE: There is one known case of a LDWF cadet passing away while training at the LDWF Training Academy in FY 19. The cadet is survived by a wife and two children. **Proposed law** will require an immediate \$300,000 SGF appropriation into the Self-Insurance Fund in FY 20 (\$250,000 for surviving spouse, \$25,000 for each child).

Furthermore, the prospective effect of **proposed law** would increase SGF expenditures by \$250,000 and an additional \$25,000 for each dependent child to the extent LDWF cadets die as a result of injuries sustained while on duty in Louisiana. ORM anticipates associated survivor benefits being paid out in the amount of \$275,000 upon a triggering occurrence. However, because the number of LDWF cadets that may perish in the line of duty is unknown, as well as their number of dependent children, the expenditure increase associated with survivor benefits derived from the **proposed law** is indeterminable.

**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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