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SUPPLEMENTAL PAY OR +\$3,660,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 (Constitutional Amendment) Requires state supplemental pay for public emergency medical services practitioners

Present constitution authorizes state supplemental payments to law enforcement officers and firefighters employed by local governmental units or political subdivisions, provided that law enforcement officers and firefighters are employed full-time. Proposed constitutional amendment additionally authorizes state supplemental payments to EMS practitioners employed by any municipality, parish, fire protection district, or political subdivision, provided those EMS practitioners are employed full-time. Proposed constitutional amendment provides a proposition to be placed on the ballot for the statewide election held on 10/14/2023 for voters to approve.

A companion bill (HB 100) is the enabling legislation.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	\$3,660,000	\$3,660,000	\$3,660,000	\$10,980,000
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	\$0		\$3,660,000	\$3,660,000	\$3,660,000	\$10,980,000

REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed constitutional amendment will increase SGF expenditures by \$3.6 M in FY 26 in Schedule 20-966 Supplemental Pay as a result of adding EMS practitioners to the list of public employees that receive state supplemental pay. Each eligible EMS practitioner would receive \$500 per month or \$6,000 annually (\$500 per month x 12 months). Currently, the number of full-time EMS practitioners employed by parishes and municipalities that operate EMS services is 610. Under the proposed law, if all 610 EMS practitioners are eligible to receive supplemental pay, the cost would be \$3,660,000 annually (610 EMS practitioners x \$6,000). The fiscal impact of this measure in FY 26 and subsequent fiscal years depends on the number of eligible EMS practitioners receiving supplemental pay.

Proposed constitutional amendment will increase Local Funds expenditures by an indeterminable amount as state supplemental payments are included in the pensionable earnings used in the calculation of retirement benefits.

Note: The enabling legislation is in companion bill HB 100. If enacted into law, this proposed constitutional amendment on EMS practitioners receiving state supplemental pay will be on the official ballot for the October 14, 2023 statewide election. Also, SB 33 amends the statutes to increase the amount of state supplemental pay by \$100 per month. The \$100 increase would bring the current state supplemental payment amount for firefighters from \$6,000 per year to \$7,200 per year. If SB 33 is enacted into law and voters approve this proposed constitutional amendment, this measure would increase annual SGF expenditures by another \$732,000 (610 EMS practitioners x \$100 monthly increase x 12 months) beginning in FY 26.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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