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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 100** HLS 23RS 27
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| Dept./Agy.: Public Safety | | |
| Subject: Supplemental Pay for Public EMS | | Analyst: Patrice Thomas |

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY EG +\$3,660,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides state supplemental pay to public emergency medical services practitioners

Proposed law adds EMS practitioners employed full-time by any municipality, parish, fire protection district, or political subdivision to the list of eligible public employees that receive state supplemental pay. Proposed law provides \$500 per month in state supplemental pay for each full-time EMS practitioner who has completed one year of service. Proposed law effective 7/01/2025.

A companion bill (HB 97) provides for a constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot for the statewide election held on 10/14/2023.

| 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> | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | | | | | \$0 |

| REVENUES | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 law 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 and a one-time IT programming expenditure of \$35,520 (assumed to be SGF) in FY 25 within the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) to make the required coding changes to the supplemental pay IT application.

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 law 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 constitutional amendment is in companion bill HB 97. If HB 97 is enacted into law, the 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 to \$100 per month. The \$100 increase would bring the current state supplemental payment for firefighters from \$6,000 per year to \$7,200 per year. If SB 33 is enacted into law and voters approve the constitutional amendment in HB 97, 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.

DPS reports the Office of Technology Services (OTS) would perform the programming changes at an estimated 296 hours for an IT contractor (296 hours x \$120 per hour = \$35,520). The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority as similar changes are enacted annually by legislative instruments and paid from base funding. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, DPS/OMV may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}</p> | <p><u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p> | <p><u>House</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p> |
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