

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 413** HLS 24RS 783

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Survivor Benefits		

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Provides for the financial security of surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased firemen in certain circumstances

Present law provides for payment of \$250,000 to the surviving spouse, child, or another beneficiary of a fireman who suffers death as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties or arising out of any activity in his capacity as a fireman in the protection of life and property. Proposed law includes firefighters employed by or under the control of one of the following federal agencies if the injury that resulted in the death occurred in Louisiana: 1) Department of Defense, 2) Department of Agriculture, 3) Department of Veterans Affairs, 4) Department of Interior, and 5) Federal Emergency Management Administration. Proposed law retroactively to August 1, 2023.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This measure will result in an expenditure increase in the Office of Risk Management, in which survivor benefits would be payable in the event of death for firefighters employed by or under the control of one of the following federal agencies: 1) Department of Defense, 2) Department of Agriculture, 3) Department of Veterans Affairs, 4) Department of Interior, and 5) Federal Emergency Management Administration. This measure expands the eligibility of firemen to receive the \$250,000 survivor benefits allocated to the surviving spouse, child, or other beneficiary of a fireman who suffers death as a result of an injury arising out of any activity in his capacity as a fireman in the protection of life and property in Louisiana.

The Office of Risk Management (ORM) is unaware of any filings or inquiries regarding benefits for the survivors of these firefighters. The proposed legislation would involve at least a \$250,000 cost increase if one (1) of these firefighters were to suffer death as a result of an injury arising out of any activity in his capacity as a fireman in the protection of life and property; however, ORM is unable to determine how often this cost will occur, so the cost amount is indeterminable. The provisions of this proposed law will be applied retroactively to August 1, 2023.

**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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