



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 145** HLS 26RS 125  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Office of Risk Management	
<b>Subject:</b> Medical Payments to Firemen and Law Enforcement	<b>Analyst:</b> Darynn Hoppe

FUNDS/FUNDING OR +\$50,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers

Present law provides benefits to firemen and law enforcement officers determined to be permanently and totally disabled as the direct and proximate result of a catastrophic injury arising in the course of the performance of their official duties.

Proposed law provides for the expansion of the powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen’s Survivor Benefit Review Board to pay extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers injured while performing their official duties. The legislation provides for definitions, exclusions, and a maximum benefit payment of \$50,000 per injury, per officer/fireman.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>					<b>\$50,000</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase to SGF expenditures. To the extent that such law enforcement officers and firemen are injured under the described circumstances, expenditures will increase by up to \$50,000 per qualifying injury. Additionally, an indeterminable amount of administrative costs and litigation expenses may also be accrued. **For purposes of estimating the expenditure exposure to the state fisc, this fiscal note assumes one eligible injury requiring extraordinary medical and dental expenses totaling \$50,000 in FY 27.**

Expanded extraordinary medical and dental expense payments are to be paid by the Office of Risk Management (ORM) from the Self-Insurance Fund. ORM receives an SGF Appropriation to pay such benefits. The actual increase in expenditures will depend on the number of corresponding claims brought before the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen’s Survivor Benefit Review Board.

ORM reports that the proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable increase to SGF expenditures due to (1) payment of claims (up to \$50,000 per claimant), (2) defense costs in the event a lawsuit is filed for a denied claim and, (3) additional administrative costs to process determinations of compensability related to medical treatment and billing. ORM is not aware of any pending claims or historical data to forecast potential fiscal impacts.

**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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