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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 339 HLS 13RS 907
Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Fire Protection Districts/Municipal & Volunteer Fire Dep
Subject: Service Award Program for Volunteer fire Departments Analyst: Julie Magee

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL EG INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Allows the use of public funds for length of service awards programs established by fire protection districts, municipal fire departments, or volunteer fire departments for volunteer firefighters

Purpose of Bill: This measure allows for the use of public funds by the fire protection districts, municipal fire departments, and volunteer fire departments for the implementation and execution of a length of service award programs. The program would provide a monetary benefit, based on service to eligible volunteer firefighters as determined by the fire protection district, municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department. The length of service awards program shall not be considered a vested right nor entitle the recipient to any other benefit not directly related to the program's monetary benefit. The length of service award shall not be considered permanent and may be discontinued at any time.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase on local governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

The fiscal impact on local government expenditures cannot be determined at this time. According to an official with the Police Jury Association, this measure will create a system in which volunteer fire fighters receive monthly payments after they have reached substantial years of service (such as 20 years or more). However, it will be up to the fire districts, municipal fire departments or volunteer fire departments to determine the monetary award and the years of service required for a volunteer firefighter to receive the award.

According to an official with the State Fire Marshals Office, there are approximately 12,000 volunteer fire fighters at 560 fire departments.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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