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 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Survivor Benefits for Federal Law Enforcement in Louisiana	

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 Provides with respect to financial security for survivors of federal law enforcement officers

Present law extends a payment of \$250,000 to benefit surviving spouses, children, and other beneficiaries of law enforcement officers who perish as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of official duty. Present law specifies the officers to which present law is applicable. Proposed law adds federal law enforcement officers whose duties include making arrests, execution of criminal arrest warrants, execution of civil seizures, and performing searches and seizures to the list of law enforcement officers eligible for survivor benefits.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						
REVENUES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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 may increase SGF expenditures (via the statutorily dedicated Self-Insurance Fund) by \$250,000 for each deceased federal law enforcement officer to the extent federal law enforcement officers sustain injuries in Louisiana that result in death. Furthermore, SGF expenditures will increase by an additional \$25,000 for every child dependent upon the deceased officer.

The proposed legislation adds federal law enforcement officers whose duties include making arrests, execution of criminal arrest warrants, execution of civil seizures, and performing searches and seizures to the list of law enforcement officers whose spouses (or designated beneficiary if not survived by a spouse) are eligible for survivor benefits of \$250,000 plus an additional \$25,000 for each dependent child pursuant to LA R.S. 40:1665.2(C)(1).

Two federal law enforcement officers have perished in Louisiana as a result of injuries sustained while on duty during Calendar Year (CY) 15 and CY 16. The Office of Risk Management (ORM) reports that these two deaths as the only ones of federal law enforcement officers that have occurred within a 5-year period. To the extent federal law enforcement officers die as a result of injuries sustained while on duty, ORM anticipates associated survivor benefits being paid out in the amount of \$275,000 (\$250,000 survivor benefit + \$25,000 dependent child survivor benefit). The \$275,000 estimate is based upon previous payments of survivor benefits for state and local law enforcement officers. However, because the number of federal law enforcement officers that may perish in the line of duty annually is unknown, the cost increase associated with survivor benefits derived from the proposed legislation is indeterminable.

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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