

 Subject: Survivor benefits for law enforcement officers
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Provides relative to financial security for survivors of law enforcement officers. (8/1/20)

Proposes to amend R.S. 40:1665.2(C)(1), providing that the surviving spouse of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty shall be paid a death benefit for life, even after remarriage.

Currently, under R.S. 40:1665.2(C)(1) the surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty is entitled to a lump sum payment of \$250,000 and \$25,000 for each dependent child. This lump sum payment is currently paid by the Office of Risk Management through their general appropriation from the SGF. Effective August 1, 2020.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2020-21</u>	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	<u>2020-21</u>	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The impact to SGF expenditures is unknown at this time. Since neither current, nor proposed legislation provides a definition of "death benefit", the Legislative Fiscal Office cannot identify which lifetime benefits a surviving spouse would be eligible to receive and who would be responsible for the payment of such benefits.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

