

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 157** HLS 21RS 574

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Officers who suffer death by heart attack or stroke		

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Provides relative to the financial security for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement officers who suffer death by heart attack or stroke

Present law provides financial security for the surviving spouse and dependent children of firemen whose death is the direct and proximate result of a heart attack or stroke shall be presumed to have died as the direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of his official duties. Proposed law retains present law and adds applicability to law enforcement officers, as defined by law.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in SGF expenditures of the Office of Risk Management (ORM) to the extent they pay survivor benefits to the surviving spouse and/or dependent children of those law enforcement officers who die as a result of a heart attack or stroke in the line of duty. The amount of survivor benefits paid is \$250,000 to a surviving spouse and \$25,000 to surviving dependent children. The amount of benefits paid in each fiscal year is indeterminable; however, ORM reports 5 heart attack/stroke claims have been denied over the past 3 years, and there have been 2 - 5 heart attack/stroke inquiries per year over the last 5 years. Therefore, ORM has projected 4 heart attack and/or stroke claims each year with a total SGF expenditure increase of \$1 M. ORM reports this amount may increase if there are dependent children.

Note: ORM receives an annual SGF appropriation to pay survivor benefits for law enforcement officers and firemen who die in the course of duty. To the extent the proposed law is enacted, ORM will request an additional appropriation (as needed) in future fiscal years in order to pay any additional claims that may be approved.

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}

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 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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