

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 979**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Wiley**

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Increases the benefit paid to survivors of law enforcement officers and firemen

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Decreases from \$404,000 to \$300,000, the survivor benefit amount paid by the state to survivors of qualifying firemen and law enforcement officers.
2. Adds provision making proposed law applicable to qualifying deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2025.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law establishes state-paid survivor benefits for firemen and law enforcement officers. Establishes qualifications for these payments.

Present law provides for payment of \$250,000 to a qualifying survivor if certain conditions are met. Proposed law increases this payment to \$300,000.

Proposed law applies to any qualifying death occurring on or after July 1, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665(C)(1) and 1665.2(C)(1))