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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 128** HLS 13RS 485

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Survivor Benefits	

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Provides for survivors benefits for tribal police officers and firemen

Current law provides for financial security for surviving spouses and children of firemen or officers who suffer death as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his/her official duties as a fireman or officer. Proposed legislation retains current law and additionally provides that any regularly employed firemen of any federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit to the definition of firemen and law enforcement officer.

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State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed bill may increase overall state expenditures by an indeterminable amount. The exact number of law enforcement personnel or firemen that would now be eligible for this benefit is indeterminable. However, according to information provided to the LFO by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), there are currently 40 police officers and 10 firemen from Indian tribe police/fire that currently receive state supplemental pay whose survivors would likely be eligible for this benefit if such fire or police personnel were to suffer death while working on the job.

Per statute (R.S. 33:2201(C)(1.) & R.S. 33:1981(C)(1)), the death benefit is \$250,000 paid to the surviving spouse and \$25,000 per dependent child and payments are made by the Office of Risk Management (ORM) from the Self Insurance Fund. According to its latest Annual Report (FY 11), ORM paid approximately \$1.975 M in survivor benefits in that fiscal year.

To the extent the ORM Self Insurance Fund has insufficient funds to cover the survivor benefit costs, state general fund may be needed.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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