

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1440 - SB 1268

April 2, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Expands eligibility for certain benefits associated with a line-of-duty death of a law enforcement officer to include deaths occurring during an officer's commute to and from the officer's place of residence.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006924):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires denials of certain claims to be reviewed by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission within 90 days of the denial. Expands the definition of "law enforcement officer" as it pertains to eligibility for certain benefits associated with a line-of-duty death.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – For each individual death benefit awarded, there will be an increase in state expenditures of \$50,000 per year for five years.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-210, the estate of a sheriff, sheriff's deputy, or any police officer employed by the state, a municipality, or political subdivision of the state who is killed in the line of duty is entitled to receive a \$250,000 annuity, paid by the state in installments of \$50,000 each year for five years.
- The proposed legislation would require the POST Commission to review the denial of any claim within 90 days of the denial.
- The required review will be accomplished by the POST Commission utilizing existing staff and resources; therefore, any increase in state expenditures for such review is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation would expand the definition of law enforcement officer to include any police officer commissioned or appointed by the state, a municipality, or political subdivision of this state.

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- For each individual death benefit awarded over the current number budgeted, there will be an increase in state expenditures of \$50,000 per benefit per year for a five-year period.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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