

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1440 - SB 1268

March 29, 2019

SUMMARY OF 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.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-210, the estate of a law enforcement officer 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.
- Based on information obtained from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in 2018 there were 50 officers killed in traffic-related fatalities nationwide. It is unknown how many fatalities occurred during an officer's commute.
- The Department of Finance and Administration budgets for four line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers annually.
- The proposed language is not estimated to result in an increase in the number of line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers who are currently provided a state funded death benefit in any given fiscal year; therefore, any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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