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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6184

BILL NUMBER: SB 30

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 14, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Special Death Benefit for Chaplains.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lubbers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes a special death benefit for a chaplain who: (1) is appointed or officially designated to serve a state law enforcement agency, a sheriff's department, a volunteer fire department, or a full-time police or fire department of a political subdivision; and (2) dies in the line of duty.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *\$150,000 Special Death Benefit:* Adding a new group of potential recipient beneficiaries of the Special Death Benefit Fund may increase expenditures from this fund. Currently, there are approximately 9,010 individuals covered by the Special Death Benefit Fund. The number of deaths for which benefits were paid averages three per year since 1998. The Treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains reports that there are approximately 300 chaplains in the state who would be added as eligible recipients of the \$150,000 Special Death Benefit. Adding 300 chaplains would increase the number of individuals eligible by 3.33%.

IC 5-10-10-4 established the Special Death Benefit Fund, which receives funding from a \$5 fee collected for each bail bond issued. As of September 30, 2007, the balance in the Special Death Benefit Fund amounted to \$2,110,925. The payment for each line-of-duty death is \$150,000. The following table shows the annual payout from the fund and the number of deaths each year since FY 1998.

Special Death Benefit Fund Under IC 5-10-10-4.		
Fiscal Year Ending	Amount Paid	Number of Line-of- Duty Deaths
6/30/07	\$150,000	1
6/30/06	\$150,000	1
6/30/05	\$300,000	2*
6/30/04	\$600,000*	4*
6/30/03	\$150,000	1
6/30/02	\$750,000	5
6/30/01	\$450,000	3
6/30/00	\$900,000	6
6/30/99	\$300,000	2
6/30/98	\$450,000	3
TOTAL	\$4,200,000	28
Average/Year	\$420,000	2.8

*\$300,000 accrued on 6/30/04, but was actually paid in FY 2005.

Background Information: Chaplains have been added, in 2004, as eligible recipients of the federal death benefit of \$250,000 (42 U.S.C. 3796 et seq.). The Treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains reports that there are approximately 5,000 chaplains nationwide who serve a state law enforcement agency, a full-time police or fire department of a political subdivision, or a volunteer fire department. The Treasurer further reports that two chaplains have been killed in the United States in the line of duty over the last 50 years.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Public Employees' Retirement Fund as administrators of the Special Death Benefit Fund; State Police; Department of Natural Resources; Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; Gaming Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Those units who appoint or officially designate a person to serve as a chaplain in a full-time police or fire department of a political subdivision or a volunteer fire department.

Information Sources: Col. Tom Parker, Public Employees' Retirement Fund, 317-233-4146; Bob Lofland, Systems Accountant, Public Employees' Retirement Fund, 317-234-2749; Bob Fiers, Chaplain, Marion County Sheriff's Department, and Treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains 317-923-5458, ext. 110.

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