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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7162
BILL NUMBER: SB 266

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 24, 2009
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public safety chaplain death benefit.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Niezgodski

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds certain requirements for a chaplain to qualify for a special death benefit. It provides that chaplains appointed or designated prior to July 1, 2009, are not subject to the additional requirements. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Pension Management Oversight Commission.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill would likely reduce in the future the number of persons who would qualify as a chaplain, thereby limiting the number who would be eligible for the special death benefit for those chaplains killed in the line of duty. The additional requirements would only apply for those individuals who are appointed or designated a chaplain after June 30, 2009.

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 January 31, 2009, the balance in the Special Death Benefit Fund amounted to \$2,753,899. The payment for each line-of-duty death is \$150,000.

Background Information: The Treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains reports that, currently, there are approximately 300 chaplains in the state. 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 (PERF) as administrators of the Special Death Benefit Fund; State Police; Department of Natural Resources; Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; Gaming Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

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