

SENATE BILL No. 266

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-10-4.7.

Synopsis: Public safety chaplain death benefit. Adds certain requirements for a chaplain to qualify for a special death benefit. 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: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-10-4.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2008,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4.7. (a) As used in this section, "eligible chaplain"
4 means:

5 **(1) for a chaplain appointed or officially designated before**
6 **July 1, 2009**, an individual who is appointed or officially
7 designated to serve, with or without compensation, as a chaplain
8 of any of the following:

9 ~~(1)~~ **(A)** A law enforcement agency (as defined in
10 IC 4-33-2-11.6).

11 ~~(2)~~ **(B)** A full-time police department of a political subdivision
12 (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

13 ~~(3)~~ **(C)** A full-time fire department of a political subdivision
14 (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

15 ~~(4)~~ **(D)** A volunteer fire department (as defined in
16 IC 36-8-12-2).

17 ~~(5)~~ **(E)** A sheriff's department of a county.



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(2) for a chaplain appointed or officially designated after June 30, 2009, an individual who:

(A) is appointed or officially designated by a police chief, fire chief, or sheriff to serve, with or without compensation, as a chaplain of a:

(i) law enforcement agency (as defined in IC 4-33-2-11.6);

(ii) full-time police department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);

(iii) full-time fire department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);

(iv) volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2); or

(v) sheriff's department of a county;

(B) is certified and in good standing with an ecclesiastical body or religious society;

(C) is endorsed by an ecclesiastical body or religious society to perform the duties of a chaplain for a law enforcement agency or fire department; and

(D) has at least five (5) years experience in pastoral ministry.

(b) An eligible chaplain who dies as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from the eligible chaplain's performance of duties as a chaplain for the agency or department that the eligible chaplain was appointed or officially designated to serve is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund in the same manner as any other public safety officer is eligible for a benefit from the fund.

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