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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: H. 590 Name of Bill: Survivors' benefits for law enforcement officers

Agency/Dept: DPS/VSP Author of Bill Lt. Brian Miller
Review: _____

Date of Bill Review: 01.22.16 Related Bills and Key Players: _____

Status of Bill: (check one)

☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☐ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why.*

This bill will extend the survivors' benefits that fire fighters currently have to law enforcement officers

2. **Is there a need for this bill?**

Yes as currently the state does not provide this benefit to law enforcement survivors

3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** None

4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** The only addition to what is being done now for fire fighters will be that certain law enforcement entities will also serve on the review board.

5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc) There should not be any opposition to this.*

6. **Other Stakeholders:**

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? The law enforcement community and those who support them

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? Unknown

7. **Rationale for recommendation:** This is a benefit that is currently being offered to fire fighters and emergency personnel. There is no reason why law enforcement officers' survivors should not also be entitled to this.

8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*
9. **Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one?**
If so, which one and how many? It will add the Director of the VT criminal Justice training council and one public member to the review board

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document



Date: 1/29/16