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# HOUSE BILL No. 1234

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Public safety officer death benefit. Extends the special death benefit of \$150,000 for a public safety officer who dies in the line of duty to a special deputy who is employed by a political subdivision and to certain airport police officers and firefighters.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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January 10, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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Second Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2006)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2005,
- 2 SECTION 1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2005, SECTION 16, AND
- 3 AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2005, SECTION 3, IS CORRECTED
- 4 AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 5 2006]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer" means any
- 6 of the following:
- 7 (1) A state police officer.
- 8 (2) A county sheriff.
- 9 (3) A county police officer.
- 10 (4) A correctional officer.
- 11 (5) An excise police officer.
- 12 (6) A county police reserve officer.
- 13 (7) A city police reserve officer.
- 14 (8) A conservation enforcement officer.
- 15 (9) A town marshal.
- 16 (10) A deputy town marshal.
- 17 (11) A probation officer.



- 1 (12) A state university, college, or junior college police officer
- 2 appointed under IC 20-12-3.5.
- 3 (13) A police officer whose employer purchases coverage under
- 4 section 4.5 of this chapter.
- 5 ~~(13)~~ (14) An emergency medical services provider (as defined in
- 6 IC 16-41-10-1) who is:
- 7 (A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in
- 8 IC 36-1-2-13); and
- 9 (B) not eligible for a special death benefit under IC 36-8-6-20,
- 10 IC 36-8-7-26, IC 36-8-7.5-22, or IC 36-8-8-20.
- 11 ~~(14)~~ (15) A firefighter who is employed by the fire department of
- 12 a state university.
- 13 (16) A firefighter whose employer purchases coverage under
- 14 section 4.5 of this chapter.
- 15 ~~(15)~~ (17) A member of a consolidated law enforcement
- 16 department established under IC 36-3-1-5.1.
- 17 ~~(16)~~ (18) A gaming agent of the Indiana gaming commission.
- 18 (19) A person who is:
- 19 (A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in
- 20 IC 36-1-2-13); and
- 21 (B) appointed as a special deputy under IC 36-8-10-10.6.
- 22 SECTION 2. IC 5-10-10-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.10-2005,
- 23 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 24 JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section, "eligible officer"
- 25 means a police officer or firefighter whose employer purchases
- 26 coverage under this section.
- 27 (b) As used in this section, "employer" means:
- 28 (1) with respect to a police officer:
- 29 (A) a university, college, or junior college, other than a state
- 30 university, state college, or state junior college, that appoints
- 31 a police officer under IC 20-12-3.5; or
- 32 (B) an operator that employs the police officer under
- 33 IC 8-22-3-34(b); or
- 34 (2) with respect to a firefighter:
- 35 (A) a university, other than a state university, located in
- 36 Indiana that:
- 37 ~~(A)~~ (i) maintains a fire department;
- 38 ~~(B)~~ (ii) employs firefighters for the fire department; and
- 39 ~~(C)~~ (iii) is accredited by the North Central Association; or
- 40 (B) an operator that enters into an operating agreement
- 41 under IC 5-23 for the operation of a public use airport
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- (i) maintains a fire department; and**
- (ii) employs firefighters for the fire department.**

(c) If an employer purchases coverage for an eligible officer, the eligible officer is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund in the same manner that any other public safety officer is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund. The cost of the coverage shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for each eligible officer annually. The cost of the coverage shall be paid to the board for deposit in the fund.

(d) If an employer elects to provide coverage under this section, the employer must purchase coverage for all eligible officers of the employer. The board shall allow an employer to purchase coverage by making quarterly payments on dates prescribed by the board.

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