

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 324**

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-11-5.

Synopsis: State employee death benefit. Conference committee report for ESB 324. Increases from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the death benefit for a state employee who dies in the line of duty. Adds stepchildren to the survivors entitled to receive a death benefit for a state employee who dies in the line of duty. Requires that the children and stepchildren receiving a death benefit be dependent on the state employee who died in the line of duty. Provides that a child or stepchild is dependent on a state employee if the state employee claimed the child or stepchild as a dependent on the federal income tax return filed by the state employee in the year before the year in which the state employee died. **(This conference committee report removes language concerning payment of a death benefit for a member of the general assembly.)**

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 324 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
2 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall
4 pay a death benefit of:
5 (1) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a lump sum to the
6 surviving spouse; or if there is no surviving spouse, to the
7 surviving children (to be shared equally) of for a state employee
8 who dies in the line of duty before July 1, 2013; and
9 (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a state
10 employee who dies in the line of duty after June 30, 2013.
11 (b) The death benefit shall be paid in a lump sum as follows:
12 (1) To the surviving spouse.
13 (2) If there is no surviving spouse, to the surviving dependent
14 children and surviving dependent stepchildren in equal
15 shares.
16 For purposes of this subsection, a child or stepchild is dependent on
17 a state employee if the state employee claimed the child or
18 stepchild as a dependent on the federal income tax return filed by
19 the state employee in the year before the year in which the state
20 employee died.
(Reference is to ESB 324 as reprinted March 12, 2013.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 324

Signed by:

Senator Charbonneau
Chairperson

Representative Baird

Senator Arnold J

Representative Moseley

Senate Conferees

House Conferees