

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB234-DOA-DRB-03-06-2026
Title: PERS: EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS
Sponsor: HALL
Requester: (H) Community & Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services
Allocation: Retirement and Benefits
OMB Component Number: 64

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0							

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Administration</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill impacts the Public Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan by amending the definition of a peace officer/firefighter to include dispatchers in a police or fire department or in a state trooper office. This will allow eligible dispatchers to accrue service credit as a peace officer or firefighter and subsequently meet retirement eligibility under this category. Under the Defined Benefits Plan, eligible dispatchers would have their contribution rate to the Public Employees' Retirement System adjusted from 6.75 percent to 7.5 percent and would qualify for retirement at any age once they accrue 20 years of peace officer/firefighter service or a combined 30 years of service or at age 60 with vested status, whichever occurs first. In the Defined Contribution Plan their contribution rate would remain 8 percent with eligibility for access to retiree medical coverage at any age with 25 years of peace officer/firefighter service or a combined 30 years of service or at Medicare age eligibility with 10 years of service.

Eligible dispatchers in the Defined Benefit Plan who retire as a peace officer/firefighter who are a tier III member will have their pension benefit calculated based on their high three (3) consecutive years salary instead of their high five (5) consecutive years salary.

The Division of Retirement and Benefits will not accrue any additional cost for personal services if this bill were to pass. The Division of Retirement and Benefits is already positioned and staffed to retire dispatchers who will qualify for peace officer/firefighter service credit if this bill were to become law.