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Title: INS. FOR DEPENDS. OF DECEASED
FIRE/POLICE
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: (S) STA

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Statewide Support
Allocation: Administrative Services
OMB Component Number: 525

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	70.1		70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	70.1	0.0	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	70.1		70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1
Total	70.1	0.0	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1	70.1

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 09/01/18

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Adjusted to reflect the full cost of medical insurance premiums under the Public Safety Employee's Association (PSEA) Health Trust.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill establishes the Police Officer and Firefighter Survivors' Fund in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) under AS 39.60 for the purpose of paying medical insurance premiums on behalf of eligible surviving dependents of a police officer or firefighter who dies in the line of duty.

The fund consists of two accounts: a state employee survivor account funded through appropriations and donations; and a municipal employee survivor account funded through contributions from municipalities electing to participate in the fund, appropriations, and donations. The fund would be administered by DPS which includes receiving applications, determining eligibility, and issuing payments to medical insurance providers.

DPS currently pays the medical insurance premiums for three state employee survivor families who would be eligible under this bill. Based on the full cost of the medical insurance premium under the Public Safety Employee's Association (PSEA) Health Trust, the annual cost would be \$23,372 per survivor family per year which would be paid from the state employee survivor account. This analysis does not include costs for eligible surviving dependents of municipal police officers or firefighters as DPS does not have access to that information.

DPS can absorb the work associated with administering the fund assuming the number of surviving dependents eligible under the fund remains low. Should the number of surviving dependents eligible under the fund increase, additional staffing may be needed to effectively perform this work in a timely manner.

The bill also directs DPS to adopt regulations to implement the new provisions established by the bill. The regulations process would begin immediately upon passage of this bill and would be expected to be adopted no later than September 1, 2018.