



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 740**

January Session, 2023

Substitute House Bill No. 5363

*House of Representatives, May 8, 2023*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO COMPENSATE FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
2 account to be known as the "law enforcement officer memorial account"  
3 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund.  
4 The account shall contain any (1) amounts appropriated or otherwise  
5 made available by the state for the purposes of this section, (2) moneys  
6 required by law to be deposited in the account, and (3) gifts, grants,  
7 donations or bequests made for the purposes of this section. Investment  
8 earnings credited to the assets of the account shall become part of the  
9 assets of the account. The State Treasurer shall administer the account.

10 (b) Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of  
11 Emergency Services and Public Protection for the purpose of providing  
12 grants to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of  
13 duty. The commissioner may deduct and retain from the moneys in the  
14 account an amount equal to the costs incurred by the Department of

15 Emergency Services and Public Protection in administering the account,  
 16 except said amount shall not exceed two per cent of the moneys  
 17 deposited in the account in any fiscal year. The commissioner may  
 18 establish an application process for eligible persons to apply for a grant  
 19 under this section.

20 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the  
 21 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall  
 22 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
 23 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
 24 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
 25 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies regarding the  
 26 following information for the preceding calendar year: (1) The number  
 27 of grant applications received, (2) the number of eligible persons or  
 28 families that received grants under this section, (3) the amount in grants  
 29 made to each such eligible person or family, and (4) any  
 30 recommendations regarding the distribution of moneys from the  
 31 account, including any proposed legislation to facilitate the purposes of  
 32 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a), "Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding." was deleted to avoid repetition.

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a separate, non-lapsing account in the General Fund called the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Account" and requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to submit an annual report, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OFA Bill Analysis****HB 5363*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO COMPENSATE FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill establishes a separate, non-lapsing account in the General Fund called the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Account." The account must contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the state, (2) any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, and (3) any gifts, grants, donations, or bequests. Any balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year is automatically carried forward in the account for the next fiscal year.

Under the bill, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) must use funds in the account for the purpose of providing grants to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The department may establish an application process for eligible persons to apply for the grant and may deduct funds in the account equal to the costs of administering the account, not to exceed two percent of the funds deposited into the account in any fiscal year.

The bill also requires DESPP to submit an annual report, starting not later than January 1, 2025, to the Public Safety and Appropriations committees regarding the following information from the previous calendar year:

1. the number of grant applications received;
2. the number of eligible persons or families that received grants;

3. the amounts in grants made to each such eligible person or family;  
and
4. any recommendations regarding the distribution of moneys from the account, including any proposed legislation to facilitate the account's purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/20/2023)