



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5363

LCO No. 6790



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

**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. Any balance remaining in the account at the end
10 of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal
11 year next succeeding. The State Treasurer shall administer the account.

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

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

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

To appropriately care for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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