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## AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO DECLARE THAT A FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. AMENDMENT

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **Minimal Fiscal Impact**

The amendment expands (1) the circumstances under which a death can be classified as in the line of duty, and (2) the provisions of the bill to include emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. This results in a minimal increase to the fiscal impacts identified in the underlying bill.<sup>1,2</sup>

The amendment also changes the effective dates of the underlying bill which does not alter the bill's fiscal impact.

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<sup>1</sup>The underlying bill results in the following fiscal impacts: (1) a minimal potential revenue loss to the tuition funds of the higher education constituent units, (2) a minimal potential cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (3) a potential cost to the State Comptroller and various municipalities, and (4) a potential revenue loss to various municipalities.

<sup>2</sup>With respect to state and municipal benefits only, EMS personnel (specifically emergency medical technicians) only qualify for the property tax abatement corresponding to a potential revenue loss to various municipalities.

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