

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE ACTUARIAL NOTE
RETIREMENT**

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 938

SHORT TITLE: Increase Line of Duty Death Benefit

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kerr

SYSTEM OR PROGRAM AFFECTED: Death Benefit for Law Enforcement Officers, Firemen, Rescue Squad Workers and Civil Air Patrol Members

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund

BILL SUMMARY: Under current law, there is a death benefit of \$25,000 for law enforcement officers, firemen, rescue squad workers, senior members of the Civil Air Patrol, State forestry workers and Department of Insurance instructors who are killed or dies as a result of bodily injuries sustained or of extreme exercise of extreme activity experienced in the line of duty. This bill will increase the Death Benefit to \$50,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE:

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<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

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ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The cost estimates are based on the experience of the plan over the last 27 years and the number of eligible participates of the plan, while is as follows:

<u>2003-04 Estimated Coverage</u>	
Law Officers	
(State & Local Gov't.)	24,758
Firemen (Paid & Volunteer)	44,083
Rescue Squad Workers	21,294
Correctional Custody Officers	12,322
Forest Firefighters	692
CAP Senior Members	984
Dept. of Insurance Employees	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	91,848

SOURCES OF DATA: Buck Consultant, Inc.
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