



of the total annual supplement received greater than \$3,100 for each qualified police officer employed by the local government. Section 3(5) sets forth various conditions for the receipt of the funds under this section.

Section 4 amends KRS 95A.250 to increase the annual supplement for qualified *professional* firefighters from \$3,000 to \$4,000 beginning in 2016. In 2018, that amount is to increase to \$4,500. Additionally, Section 4 also requires that each local unit of government shall receive an administrative expense reimbursement for each qualified firefighter that it employs. The amount of this reimbursement is to be equal to 7.65% of the total annual supplement received greater than \$3,100 for each qualified firefighter employed by the local government.

Section 5 amends KRS 95A.262 to increase the annual allocation to volunteer fire departments from \$8,250 to \$11,000 beginning in 2016. That amount is to increase to \$12,000 in 2018.

**Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost**

For an understanding of the impact of this bill on police agencies and fire departments (both professional and volunteer), the **Fraternal Order of Police** and the **Kentucky Firefighters Association** were consulted.

Each organization stated the expected impact of this bill will be very positively significant for their respective constituencies. In each instance, the organizations cited to potentially improved recruitment and retention efforts. The Firefighters Association also pointed to an improved opportunity to fund training.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police; Kentucky Firefighters Association

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