

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2017 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2017 BR NUMBER **1123**

HOUSE BILL NUMBER **199**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to emergency personnel.**

SPONSOR **Representative Schamore**

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: **Appropriations Not Otherwise Classified (ANOC); Postsecondary Institutions**

FUND(S) IMPACT: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED AGENCY Tuition and Fees OTHER

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2016-2017	2017-2018	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
EXPENDITURES	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE: The measure adds public "emergency management personnel" and "emergency medical personnel" to the list of positions eligible to qualify for death in the line of duty and permanently disabled benefits. Spouses and children of deceased or disabled individuals are eligible for different benefits, such as a lump-sum payment of \$80,000 and free tuition fees from state-supported universities, community colleges, or vocational schools. Kentucky residency is required to initiate benefits.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS: Section 1 amends KRS 61.315 to add nonprofit ambulance providers and "emergency management personnel" to the list of emergency medical personnel eligible to receive death in the line of duty benefits. This section requires the Division of Emergency Management to promulgate administrative regulations related to the administration of death in the line of duty benefits for emergency management personnel.

Section 2 amends KRS 164.2841 to add "emergency medical services personnel" and "emergency management personnel" to the list of positions eligible, on or after June 30, 2016, to

qualify survivors for free matriculation and tuition fees at state-supported universities, community colleges, or vocational schools, under administrative agency jurisdiction.

Section 3 amends KRS 164.2842 to add public "emergency management personnel" and "emergency medical services personnel" to the list of positions rated as permanently and totally disabled, on or after June 30, 2016, to qualify spouses and children for free matriculation and tuition fees at state-supported universities, community colleges, or vocational schools, under administrative agency jurisdiction.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The fiscal impact of HB199 is indeterminable, as it is not known how many personnel might die in the line of duty or would have survivors to claim the lump-sum death benefit of \$80,000 paid from the General Fund.

In the past 40 years, there have been 26 emergency management and medical personnel to die in the line of duty.

Free matriculation and tuition fees, at state-supported postsecondary institutions for the eligible survivors, or for spouses and children of permanent, disabled personnel, result in indeterminable tuition waivers due to inability to project student qualifications and benefit usage, which translates into a loss of revenue for each affected institution.

DATA SOURCE(S): KY Board of Emergency Medical Services; KY Emergency Management Services

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