

HOUSE BILL No. 1044

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-10.

Synopsis: Line of duty death benefit. Adds a public safety telecommunicator to the public safety personnel eligible for a special death benefit.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-10-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.100-2017,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~
4 **subsections (b) and (c)**, as used in this chapter, "dies in the line of
5 duty" refers to a death that occurs as a direct result of personal injury
6 or illness resulting from any action that the public safety officer, in the
7 public safety officer's capacity as a public safety officer, is obligated or
8 authorized by rule, regulation, condition of employment or service, or
9 law to perform in the course of controlling or reducing crime or
10 enforcing the criminal law. For purposes of a public safety officer who
11 is an employee (as defined in IC 5-10-13-2), the term includes a death
12 presumed incurred in the line of duty under IC 5-10-13.

13 (b) This subsection applies to a public safety officer who is eligible
14 for a special death benefit under section 4.8 or 4.9 of this chapter.
15 "Dies in the line of duty" refers to a death that occurs as a direct result
16 of personal injury or illness caused by an incident, accident, or violence
17 that results from any action that the public safety officer, in the public



1 safety officer's capacity as a public safety officer:

2 (1) is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of
3 employment or service, or law to perform; or

4 (2) performs during an emergency run.

5 **(c) This subsection applies to a public safety officer who is a**
6 **public safety telecommunicator. "Dies in the line of duty" refers to**
7 **a death that occurs as a direct result of personal injury or illness**
8 **resulting from any action that the public safety telecommunicator**
9 **is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of**
10 **employment or service, or law to perform, in their capacity as a**
11 **public safety telecommunicator, including personal injury or**
12 **illness resulting from repeatedly witnessing visually or audibly, or**
13 **both, death or serious bodily injury of individuals or the immediate**
14 **aftermath of death or serious bodily injury of individuals resulting**
15 **from an accident or a violent event.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 5-10-10-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
18 1, 2021]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter, "PSAP" refers to a**
19 **public safety answering point:**

20 **(1) that operates on a twenty-four (24) hour basis; and**

21 **(2) whose primary function is to receive incoming requests for**
22 **emergency assistance and relay those requests to an**
23 **appropriate responding public safety agency.**

24 SECTION 3. IC 5-10-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.41-2020,
25 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer"**
27 **means any of the following:**

28 (1) A state police officer.

29 (2) A county sheriff.

30 (3) A county police officer.

31 (4) A correctional officer.

32 (5) An excise police officer.

33 (6) A county police reserve officer.

34 (7) A city or town police reserve officer.

35 (8) A conservation enforcement officer.

36 (9) A town marshal.

37 (10) A deputy town marshal.

38 (11) A probation officer.

39 (12) A state educational institution police officer appointed under
40 IC 21-39-4.

41 (13) A police officer whose employer purchases coverage under
42 section 4.5 of this chapter.



- 1 (14) An emergency medical services provider (as defined in
 2 IC 16-41-10-1) who is:
 3 (A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in
 4 IC 36-1-2-13); and
 5 (B) not eligible for a special death benefit under IC 36-8-6-20,
 6 IC 36-8-7-26, IC 36-8-7.5-22, or IC 36-8-8-20.
- 7 (15) A firefighter who is employed by the fire department of a
 8 state university.
- 9 (16) A firefighter whose employer purchases coverage under
 10 section 4.5 of this chapter.
- 11 (17) A member of a consolidated law enforcement department
 12 established under IC 36-3-1-5.1.
- 13 (18) A gaming agent of the Indiana gaming commission.
- 14 (19) A person who is:
 15 (A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in
 16 IC 36-1-2-13); and
 17 (B) appointed as a special deputy under IC 36-8-10-10.6.
- 18 (20) A school corporation police officer appointed under
 19 IC 20-26-16.
- 20 (21) A gaming control officer of the Indiana gaming commission.
- 21 (22) An eligible chaplain who meets the requirements of section
 22 4.7 of this chapter.
- 23 (23) A community corrections officer.
- 24 (24) An eligible emergency medical services provider who meets
 25 the requirements of section 4.8 of this chapter.
- 26 (25) An emergency medical services provider whose employer
 27 purchases coverage under section 4.9 of this chapter.
- 28 (26) An emergency management worker (as defined in
 29 IC 10-14-3-3), including:
 30 (A) an employee of the Indiana department of homeland
 31 security who is working in an official capacity as an employee
 32 during a disaster or an emergency response; or
 33 (B) an employee of a political subdivision who is employed as:
 34 (i) an emergency management director;
 35 (ii) an assistant emergency management director; or
 36 (iii) a deputy emergency management director;
 37 for the political subdivision.
- 38 (27) A division fire investigator (as described in IC 22-14-2-8).
- 39 (28) A school resource officer (as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1)
 40 who is not otherwise entitled to a line of duty benefit under:
 41 (A) IC 36-8-6-20;
 42 (B) IC 36-8-7.5-22; or



1 (C) IC 36-8-8-20;
2 while acting as a school resource officer.
3 **(29) A public safety telecommunicator.**
4 SECTION 4. IC 5-10-10-5.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
5 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
6 1, 2021]: **Sec. 5.3. As used in this chapter, "public safety**
7 **telecommunicator" means an employee of a local law enforcement**
8 **agency, local fire protection agency, PSAP, local emergency**
9 **management agency, or local correctional institution who, as part**
10 **of the employee's regular duties, answers or dispatches 911**
11 **emergency calls on behalf of the agency or institution.**

