



March 10, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$800 to \$5,000 the salary supplement available to professional firefighters and law enforcement officers when such individuals complete annual in-service training in year 2022. Entitles emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to a \$5,000 supplement for completing annual in-service training in 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$107,201,600/FY22-23

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-111(a)(2), a police officer must complete eight months of full-time service as a law enforcement officer during the calendar year and at least 40 hours of in-service training to receive the state cash salary supplement of \$800.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202, a professional firefighter must complete 40 hours of training to receive a pay supplement of \$800.
- The Department of Health (DOH), Emergency Medical Services Board requires EMTs to complete 20 Board approved continuing education contact hours with a minimum of five hours in pediatric related topics or complete a minimum of two division approved college credit hours in EMT-related studies. EMTs currently do not receive a supplement.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance and the Department Health, the numbers eligible for the cash salary supplement are as follows:
 - Approximately 13,000 law enforcement officers;
 - 6,998 professional firefighters;
 - 4,642 EMTs.
- An increase in the cash salary supplement of \$4,200 (\$5,000 new supplement - \$800 current supplement) for professional firefighters and law enforcement officers.
- An increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$83,991,600 [(13,000 officers + 6,998 firefighters) x \$4,200 increase supplement] for fire fighter and law enforcement officers.
- An increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$23,210,000 (4,642 EMTs x \$5,000 supplement) for EMTs.
- A total one-time increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$107,201,600 (\$83,991,600 + \$23,210,000) in FY22-23.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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