

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB482** by Madla (Relating to certain benefits provided to the survivors of public employees and chaplains killed in the line of duty.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code by adding survivors of chaplains of fire-fighting units, law enforcement agencies, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to the list of individuals who are eligible for death benefits. The bill would apply to a death that occurs on or after September 1, 2003. The Employee Retirement System of Texas estimates the approximate annual cost per public safety benefit paid is \$274,000. The fiscal impact of the bill would depend on the future number of chaplain deaths. It is assumed that implementation of the bill would not have a significant impact on the costs of state government

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 325 Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner, 327 Employees Retirement System, 405 Department of Public Safety, 411 Commission on Fire Protection, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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