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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB310 by Deuell (Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill's provisions would require the Executive Commissioner of Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules regarding a determination that the cause of illness, disease, or death is associated with the service of a first responder. The bill would also require the Executive Commissioner, in consultation with certain agencies, to develop rules to define when a first responder is considered to have regularly responded to calls involving fires and fire fighting, as prescribed in the bill. It is assumed that any cost associated with implementation of the bill's provisions would be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

There would be costs to local government based on the number and type of claims filed by first responders. The number of cases that would be available for compensation under the provisions of the bill is unknown.

Source Agencies: 411 Commission on Fire Protection, 537 Department of State Health Services

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