

1-1 By: Hughes, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 1278
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;
 1-3 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to financial assistance paid to the survivors of certain
 1-20 law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public employees
 1-21 killed in the line of duty.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 615.022, Government Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 615.022. PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS. (a) If there is an
 1-26 eligible surviving spouse, the state shall pay \$500,000 [~~\$250,000~~]
 1-27 to the eligible surviving spouse.

1-28 (b) If there is no eligible surviving spouse, the state
 1-29 shall pay \$500,000 [~~\$250,000~~] in equal shares to surviving
 1-30 children.

1-31 (c) If there is no eligible surviving spouse or child, the
 1-32 state shall pay \$500,000 [~~\$250,000~~] in equal shares to surviving
 1-33 parents.

1-34 SECTION 2. Sections 615.023(a) and (b), Government Code,
 1-35 are amended to read as follows:

1-36 (a) The state shall pay to the duly appointed or qualified
 1-37 guardian or other legal representative of an eligible surviving
 1-38 minor child:

1-39 (1) \$400 [~~\$200~~] each month, if there is one surviving
 1-40 child;

1-41 (2) \$600 [~~\$300~~] each month, if there are two surviving
 1-42 children; or

1-43 (3) \$800 [~~\$400~~] each month, if there are three or more
 1-44 surviving children.

1-45 (b) A child's entitlement to assistance payable under this
 1-46 section ends on the last day of the month that includes the child's
 1-47 18th birthday. At that time, payments to any other surviving minor
 1-48 children shall be adjusted, as necessary, to conform to the amounts
 1-49 payable under Subsection (a).

1-50 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply in
 1-51 relation to a payment of assistance made to survivors of certain
 1-52 public servants on or after the effective date of this Act
 1-53 regardless of the date the death of the public servant occurs.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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