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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1983 by Wray (Relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to workers' compensation benefits. The bill would add post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a compensable injury for peace officers and firefighters if the PTSD is caused by events occurring in the course and scope of employment, and the preponderance of evidence indicates the work was a substantial contributing factors.

According to the Commission on Fire Protection, Department of Insurance, and State Office of Risk Management no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

The Commission on Law Enforcement cannot estimate the number of employees who might need treatment as a result of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 407 Commission on Law Enforcement, 411 Commission on Fire Protection, 454 Department of Insurance, 479 State Office of Risk Management

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