

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB152

Bill Subtitle: TO INCREASE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS OR THEIR SURVIVORS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.

Basic Change :

Senator Elliott,

Currently, the Arkansas Policeman's Pension Supplement Program gives an extra \$50 a month to retired members or their survivors. SB152 would increase to \$100 per month.

Revenue Impact :

1,174 members were paid \$721,800 in supplemental payments in FY2012. This bill would potentially double that amount. However, the amount collected in premium tax proceeds is limited. Following last year's numbers, the amount remaining after all other payments was \$4,118,000, of which \$4 million was obligated to general revenue. That leaves \$118,000; less than the \$700,000 required in additional funding under this bill.

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

If this bill were enacted, it will require more to be paid out than is currently being collected. Under current law, if the amount to be distributed exceeds the amount available through the premium tax, payments to members of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System will be reduced to make up the difference.

Other Comments :

David Clark from LOPFI has mentioned they will oppose this bill.

Legal Analysis :

None