



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

PRINTER'S NO. 1798

PRIME SPONSOR: Mackenzie

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Creates the "Keystone First Responder Award"

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 358 Printer's Number 1798 creates the "Keystone First Responders Award" to be awarded to a first responder or their next of kin by the Governor or the Governor's designee. The legislation establishes a committee to administer and develop the criteria for the award. The committee shall be made up of the following individuals:

- The State Fire Commissioner
- The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health
- The Secretary of General Services
- The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police
- The Pennsylvania State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police
- The President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
- The Director of the Pennsylvania National Emergency Number Association
- The Director of the Pennsylvania State Coroners Association
- The President of the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association

Eligible recipients for the award include:

- A first responder who suffers a career-ending injury in the line of duty
- The surviving next of kin of a first responder who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of duty
- A Federal law enforcement officer who suffers a career-ending injury in the line of duty assisting a State or local law enforcement agency in this Commonwealth
- The surviving next of kin of a Federal law enforcement officer who sustains a fatal injury while assisting a State or local law enforcement agency in this Commonwealth

The committee will provide the Governor with a list of potential recipients who will choose the recipients of the award for each year.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment and the first award shall be issued no sooner than January 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: July 5, 2023

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.