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Overview

Under current law, when a public safety officer is killed in the line of duty, the state pays a benefit to the officer's spouse or dependants. If the officer has no spouse or dependants, no payment is made. This bill changes that policy to provide that the benefit is paid to the officer's estate if the officer has no spouse or dependants. This policy change is retroactive to July 1, 2002.