

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to law enforcement officer funeral
 3 service benefits; providing a short title; creating s.
 4 110.1205, F.S.; authorizing a certain number of hours
 5 of administrative leave be granted to certain members
 6 of a law enforcement agency for a specified purpose;
 7 authorizing the head of a law enforcement agency to
 8 deny such administrative leave under certain
 9 circumstances; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; authorizing
 10 travel expenses for certain members of a law
 11 enforcement agency for a specified purpose; amending
 12 s. 112.19, F.S.; increasing the amount of money to be
 13 paid toward the funeral and burial expenses of certain
 14 officers killed in the line of duty; amending s.
 15 287.17, F.S.; authorizing use of a state motor vehicle
 16 to attend a funeral in the state of a law enforcement
 17 officer killed in the line of duty; providing an
 18 effective date.

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 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Respecting Their
 23 Sacrifice Act."

24 Section 2. Section 110.1205, Florida Statutes, is created
 25 to read:

26 110.1205 Administrative leave for law enforcement
 27 officers.—The head of a law enforcement agency may grant
 28 administrative leave, not to exceed 8 hours, to an employee of
 29 the agency who is certified as a law enforcement officer under
 30 chapter 943 to attend a funeral service within the state of a
 31 law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty. The
 32 head of the law enforcement agency may deny the use of
 33 administrative leave under this section in order to maintain
 34 minimum or adequate staffing requirements.

35 Section 3. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of
 36 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, to read:

37 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
 38 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management
 39 system.—

40 (3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

41 (i) The head of a law enforcement agency may authorize
 42 travel expenses for an employee of the agency who is certified
 43 as a law enforcement officer under chapter 943 to attend a
 44 funeral service within the state of a law enforcement officer
 45 who was killed in the line of duty.

46 Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
 47 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

48 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional
 49 probation officers; death benefits.—

50 (2)

51 (f) If a full-time law enforcement, correctional, or
 52 correctional probation officer who is certified pursuant to
 53 chapter 943 and employed by a state agency is killed in the line
 54 of duty while the officer is engaged in the performance of law
 55 enforcement duties or as a result of an assault against the
 56 officer under riot conditions:

57 1. The sum of \$10,000 ~~\$1,000~~ must be paid, as provided for
 58 in paragraph (d), toward the funeral and burial expenses of such
 59 officer. Such benefits are in addition to any other benefits to
 60 which employee beneficiaries and dependents are entitled under
 61 the Workers' Compensation Law or any other state or federal
 62 statutes; and

63 2. The officer's employing agency may pay up to \$5,000
 64 directly toward the venue expenses associated with the funeral
 65 and burial services of such officer.

66 Section 5. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3) of
 67 section 287.17, Florida Statutes, to read:

68 287.17 Limitation on use of motor vehicles and aircraft.—

69 (3)

70 (c) For motor vehicles used by a state employee whose
 71 duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s.
 72 943.10(1), the term "official state business" shall be construed
 73 to permit the use of the vehicle to attend a funeral service
 74 within the state of a law enforcement officer who was killed in
 75 the line of duty if such use is at the direction of or with the

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76 | permission of the agency head.

77 | Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.