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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Bird; Bockenfeld **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: CONTINUE HEALTH BENEFITS IN WORK-RELATED DEATH

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill eliminates the requirement that an employer must contribute to the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Fund to be eligible for the continuation of benefits, and directs a transfer to the fund. It increases state expenditures through FY 2025-26.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$150,000 to the Treasury Department.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1305

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Total Expenditure	\$150,000	\$150,000
Transfers	General Fund	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
	Cash Funds	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Net Transfer	\$0	\$0
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill eliminates the requirement that an employer must contribute to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Fund to be eligible for the continuation of benefits for dependents of an employee who died in a work-related death. To pay for ongoing claims, the bill requires an annual General Fund transfer of \$150,000 to the Benefits Fund from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2025.

Background

In 2018, the General Assembly created the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Board to facilitate the continuation of medical benefits for one year for the dependents of any person who dies in a work-related death, if the person was directly involved with offering police or fire protection services. Currently, employers must contribute to the Benefits Fund for the employees' dependents to be eligible for benefit continuation paid from the fund.

State Transfers

Beginning on July 1, 2023, and for two fiscal years thereafter, the bill transfers \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase expenditures from the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Fund by \$150,000 in each of FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26. Expenditures are administered by the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Board, which is supported by the Treasury Department.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 1, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Continuation of Benefits Fund to the Department of Treasury.

State and Local Government Contacts

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