

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Senators Baker and Justice

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to firefighter death benefits;  
3           amending s. 112.191, F.S.; revising provisions  
4           providing death benefits for firefighters; expanding  
5           activities entitling firefighters to death benefits to  
6           include participation in training exercises; providing  
7           an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of  
12           section 112.191, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13           112.191 Firefighters; death benefits.—

14           (2)

15           (b) The sum of \$50,000, as adjusted pursuant to paragraph  
16           (i), shall be paid as provided in this section if a firefighter  
17           is accidentally killed as specified in paragraph (a) and the  
18           accidental death occurs as a result of the firefighter's  
19           response to what is reasonably believed to be an emergency  
20           involving the protection of life or property or the  
21           firefighter's participation in a training exercise. This sum  
22           shall be in addition to any sum provided for in paragraph (a).  
23           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the  
24           amount payable under this subsection be less than the actual  
25           amount stated therein.

26           (c) If a firefighter, while engaged in the performance of  
27           his or her firefighter duties, is unlawfully and intentionally  
28           killed, is injured and dies as a result of such injury, dies as  
29           a result of a fire which has been determined to have been caused

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30 by an act of arson, or subsequently dies as a result of injuries  
31 sustained therefrom, the sum of \$150,000, as adjusted pursuant  
32 to paragraph (i), shall be paid as provided in this section.  
33 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the  
34 amount payable under this subsection be less than the actual  
35 amount stated therein.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.