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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bereavement benefits for state
3 employees; providing a short title; creating s.
4 110.1205, F.S.; authorizing the head of a law
5 enforcement agency to grant specified employees a
6 certain number of hours of administrative leave for a
7 specified purpose; authorizing the head of a law
8 enforcement agency to deny such administrative leave
9 under certain circumstances; amending s. 112.061,
10 F.S.; authorizing travel expenses for certain members
11 of a law enforcement agency for a specified purpose;
12 amending s. 112.19, F.S.; increasing the amount 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 the use of a state motor
16 vehicle to attend a funeral in this state of a law
17 enforcement officer killed in the line of duty under
18 specified circumstances; providing effective dates.
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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. Effective October 1, 2023, section 110.1205,
25 Florida Statutes, is created 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 a state employee
29 whose duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined

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30 in s. 943.10(1), to attend the funeral service of a law
31 enforcement officer from the agency who was killed in the line
32 of duty. The head of the law enforcement agency may deny the use
33 of administrative leave under this section in order to maintain
34 minimum or adequate staffing levels.

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 a state employee whose duties are those of a
43 law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), to attend a
44 funeral service within this 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

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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" must be construed
73 to allow the use of the vehicle to attend a funeral service
74 within this state of a law enforcement officer who was killed in
75 the line of duty if such use is at the direction or with the
76 permission of the agency head.

77 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
78 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.