

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 to certain members of a law  
 11                   enforcement agency for a specified purpose; amending  
 12                   s. 287.17, F.S.; authorizing use of a state motor  
 13                   vehicle to attend the funeral of a law enforcement  
 14                   officer killed in the line of duty; amending s.  
 15                   112.19, F.S.; increasing the amount of money to be  
 16                   paid toward the funeral and burial expenses for  
 17                   certain officers killed in the line of duty; providing  
 18                   an 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 law enforcement agency who is certified as a law enforcement  
 30 officer under chapter 943 to attend the funeral service of a law  
 31 enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. The head of the  
 32 law enforcement agency may deny the use of administrative leave  
 33 under this section in order to maintain minimum or adequate  
 34 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 law enforcement agency  
 43 who is certified as law enforcement officers under chapter 943  
 44 to attend the funeral service of a law enforcement officer  
 45 killed in the line of duty.

46           Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 47 287.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

48           287.17 Limitation on use of motor vehicles and aircraft.—

49           (3)

50           (b) For motor vehicles used by a state employee whose

51 duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s.  
52 943.10, the term "official state business" is ~~shall be~~ construed  
53 to permit the use of the vehicle during normal duty hours to and  
54 from lunch or meal breaks and incidental stops for personal  
55 errands, but not substantial deviations from official state  
56 business, if such use is at the direction of or with the  
57 permission of the agency head. The use of such vehicle by a law  
58 enforcement officer to attend the funeral of a law enforcement  
59 officer killed in the line of duty is considered official state  
60 business and is authorized under this section.

61 Section 5. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
62 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional  
64 probation officers; death benefits.—

65 (2)

66 (f) If a full-time law enforcement, correctional, or  
67 correctional probation officer who is certified pursuant to  
68 chapter 943 and employed by a state agency is killed in the line  
69 of duty while the officer is engaged in the performance of law  
70 enforcement duties or as a result of an assault against the  
71 officer under riot conditions:

72 1. The sum of \$10,000 ~~\$1,000~~ must be paid, as provided for  
73 in paragraph (d), toward the funeral and burial expenses of such  
74 officer. Such benefits are in addition to any other benefits to  
75 which employee beneficiaries and dependents are entitled under

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76 | the Workers' Compensation Law or any other state or federal  
77 | statutes; and

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

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