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 2 An act relating to funeral service benefits for public  
 3 safety officers; providing a short title; amending s.  
 4 112.061, F.S.; authorizing travel expenses for certain  
 5 members of a law enforcement agency for a specified  
 6 purpose; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; increasing the  
 7 amount of money to be paid toward the funeral and  
 8 burial expenses of certain officers killed in the line  
 9 of duty; creating s. 112.1921, F.S.; authorizing a  
 10 certain number of hours of administrative leave to be  
 11 granted to certain members of a law enforcement agency  
 12 for a specified purpose; authorizing the head of a law  
 13 enforcement agency to deny such administrative leave  
 14 under certain circumstances; amending s. 287.17, F.S.;  
 15 authorizing the use of a state motor vehicle to attend  
 16 a funeral within the state of a law enforcement  
 17 officer who was 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. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of  
 25 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, to read:

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26 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,  
 27 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management  
 28 system.—

29 (3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

30 (i) The head of a law enforcement agency may authorize  
 31 travel expenses for an employee of the agency whose duties are  
 32 those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1),  
 33 to attend a funeral service within the state of a law  
 34 enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty.

35 Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
 36 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional  
 38 probation officers; death benefits.—

39 (2)

40 (f) If a full-time law enforcement, correctional, or  
 41 correctional probation officer who is certified pursuant to  
 42 chapter 943 and employed by a state agency is killed in the line  
 43 of duty while the officer is engaged in the performance of law  
 44 enforcement duties or as a result of an assault against the  
 45 officer under riot conditions:

46 1. The sum of \$10,000 ~~\$1,000~~ must be paid, as provided for  
 47 in paragraph (d), toward the funeral and burial expenses of such  
 48 officer. Such benefits are in addition to any other benefits to  
 49 which employee beneficiaries and dependents are entitled under  
 50 the Workers' Compensation Law or any other state or federal

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51 statutes; and

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

55 Section 4. Section 112.1921, Florida Statutes, is created  
 56 to read:

57 112.1921 Administrative leave for law enforcement  
 58 officers.—The head of a law enforcement agency may grant  
 59 administrative leave, not to exceed 8 hours, to an employee of  
 60 the agency whose duties are those of a law enforcement officer,  
 61 as defined in s. 943.10(1), to attend a funeral service within  
 62 the state of a law enforcement officer who was killed in the  
 63 line of duty. The head of the law enforcement agency may deny  
 64 the use of administrative leave under this section in order to  
 65 maintain minimum or adequate staffing requirements.

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 October 1, 2023.