



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2074

public safety employees; omnibus

Purpose

Expands eligibility for the Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program and grants qualified immunity to public entities and employees for any liability resulting from an injury caused by a peace officer providing emergency care.

Background

The Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program provides health benefits for expenses incurred in the treatment of cancer for firefighters, peace, detention and corrections officers who are employed by or are retired from a participating employer and who pay into the program. The program is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) but participation by eligible personnel is voluntary (A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 4, Article 3).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

Cancer Insurance Policy Program

1. Expands eligibility for the program to include anyone who participates in PSPRS or the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan and works full-time for an employer that participates in the program.
2. Allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to participate in the program.
3. Requires DPS to collect and submit premium payments for the program if the department chooses to participate.
4. Prohibits DPS from contributing to the program.

Qualified Immunity

5. Grants qualified immunity to public entities and their employees for any liability resulting from an injury caused by a peace officer providing emergency care at the scene of an emergency, unless the officer intended to cause injury or was grossly negligent.

Miscellaneous

6. Changes the name of the Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program to the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program.
7. Makes technical and conforming changes.
8. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Clarifies that *any* DPS employee who participates in PSPRS may participate in a voluntary cancer insurance program if established by DPS, instead of only corrections and detention officers.

House Action

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Senate Action

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