

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Actuarial Note

RETIREMENT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1935 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Mecklenburg Law Enforcement Benefit Cap Upped.

SPONSOR(S): Representative M. Alexander

FUNDS AFFECTED: Funds in the Emergency Pension Fund for Sworn Law Enforcement Officers of Mecklenburg County

SYSTEM OR PROGRAM AFFECTED: Emergency Pension Fund for Sworn Law Enforcement Officers of Mecklenburg County

EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law

BILL SUMMARY: Increases the payment from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in the event a law enforcement officer in Mecklenburg County is killed in the line-of-duty or is permanently and totally disabled in the line-of-duty. If the law enforcement officer is temporarily and totally disabled in the line-of-duty, they shall receive a disability supplement of \$500 per month up to a maximum of \$25,000 up from \$10,000. The bill increases the maximum college scholarship from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for children of a law enforcement officer in Mecklenburg County killed in the line-of-duty or permanently and totally disabled in the line-of-duty. The bill also provides for an annual \$100 stipend for minor children of an officer killed in the line of duty until the child reaches 18 years of age.

Deletes provision allowing an increase in the maximum lump sum payments paid to the investment firm managing the fund, by up to 10% once every five years

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON FUND: Hartman & Associates, the General Assembly's actuary, does not expect this bill to adversely impact the Fund. Any change in benefits is expected to be covered by the investment income to the Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: There are approximately 2,500 law enforcement officers in Mecklenburg and the current balance of the Fund exceeds \$2,000,000.

SOURCES OF DATA: City of Charlotte

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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