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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .  
Comm: FAV .  
04/03/2018 .  
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The Committee on Style and Drafting (Timmann) recommended the following:

**CRC Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the proposal clause  
and insert:

A new section is added to Article X of the State  
Constitution to read:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Death benefits for survivors of first responders and



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10 military members.-

11 (a) A death benefit shall be paid by the employing agency  
12 when a firefighter; a paramedic; an emergency medical  
13 technician; a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional  
14 probation officer; or a member of the Florida National Guard,  
15 while engaged in the performance of their official duties, is:

16 (1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily  
17 injury which results in the loss of the individual's life,  
18 provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that  
19 such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or

20 (2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result  
21 of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active  
22 duty.

23 (b) A death benefit shall be paid by funds from general  
24 revenue when an active duty member of the United States Armed  
25 Forces is:

26 (1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily  
27 injury which results in the loss of the individual's life,  
28 provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that  
29 such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or

30 (2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result  
31 of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active  
32 duty.

33 (c) If a firefighter; a paramedic; an emergency medical  
34 technician; a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional  
35 probation officer; or an active duty member of the Florida  
36 National Guard or United States Armed Forces is accidentally  
37 killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1), or  
38 unlawfully and intentionally killed as specified in paragraphs



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39 (a) (2) and (b) (2), the state shall waive certain educational  
40 expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased first  
41 responder or military member incurs while obtaining a career  
42 certificate, an undergraduate education, or a postgraduate  
43 education.

44 (d) The legislature shall implement this section by general  
45 law.

46 (e) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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48 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete everything before the proposal clause  
51 and insert:

52 A proposal to create  
53 a new section in Article X of the State Constitution  
54 to establish the right of survivors of specified first  
55 responders and military members to death benefits.