BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: SB567 Version: Engrossed

Request Number:

Author: Rep. Davis/ Sen. Newhouse Date: 3/25/2021 Impact: See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

SB 567 directs the state to establish a program that provides assistance for funeral expenses of all members of the National Guard, police, state troopers, firefighters and first responders who have died in the line of duty while in response to state orders. The deceased must be an Oklahoma resident, and maximum reimbursement shall not exceed \$10,000. Monies provided for such assistance shall come from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

Officials for the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) have communicated that on average they would expect one death per year from the group described in SB 567. SB 567 requires reimbursement for funeral expenses up to \$10,000 from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund. For these reasons SB 567 is expected to have an average annual cost of approximately \$10,000. OEMHS currently has an available balance in the Fund for such reimbursement claims; however, the agency acknowledges that as such funds are utilized under the provisions of SB 567, at some point the agency may need to require an additional appropriation for the Fund. SB 567 in its current form is not expected to require increased funding or appropriations during FY-22.

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Other Considerations

None.

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