

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/11/2006
Reference No.: CB-020-2006
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Peters, Knotts, Dean, Harrington, Campos, Bland
Item Title: An Act increasing certain benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for volunteers and surviving spouses and providing that the Office of Human Resources Management shall administer the Length of service Award Program

Drafter: Kathleen W. Colbert, Office of Human Resources Management
Resource Personnel: Donald E. Bridgeman, Office of Human Resources Management

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	5/2/2006	Executive Action:	7/14/2006 S
Committee Referral:	5/2/2006 - PSFM	Effective Date:	8/29/2006

Committee Action: 5/24/2006 - FAV

Date Introduced: 6/6/2006
Public Hearing: 7/11/2006 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 7/11/2006 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:-, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks: Retroactive to 7/1/2005

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

11-328

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Date 5/24/2006

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Peters, Campos, Dean and Harrington.)

This bill will enhance certain benefits under the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for volunteer firefighters and their surviving spouses. Specifically, it reduces the normal benefit eligibility from 60 years of age to 55 with 25 years of service. The lump-sum death benefit is increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 upon the death of a volunteer receiving benefits or with at least 25 years of certified active service with the County Fire/EMS Department. This legislation is retroactively effective to July 1, 2005.

The Office of Law has reviewed the legislation and find it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The LOSAP will be administered by the Office of Human Resources Management.

The fiscal impact on the County will be negative. When the updated information is available from the Office of Human Resources and compared with the information provided by the Volunteer Fire Commission the Office of Audits and Investigations will be able to provide an updated fiscal impact statement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

To attract and retain Volunteers for the Prince George's Fire/EMS Department, funding was appropriated in the FY2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget to enhance certain benefits under the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for volunteers and surviving spouses.

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