

Chapter 7

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Subject Gifts and local government expenditures related to an officer killed in line of duty

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Summary

This act addresses gifts and local government expenditure authority related to the death of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty.

Section 1 permits state agencies and political subdivisions to receive gifts after a public safety officer is killed in the line of duty so long as:

- 1) the fallen officer was employed by the state agency or political subdivision;
- 2) the gift is given within 24 months of the date of death of the fallen officer;
- 3) the gift honors or commemorates the fallen officer, or provides team morale and cohesion services to the state agency or political subdivision; and
- 4) the gift is in compliance with applicable gift policies.

The gift must be distributed and used by the state agency or political subdivision in compliance with the intentions of the donor within one year of receipt and in compliance with gift policies adopted by the state agency or political subdivision.

A state agency or political subdivision must report any gifts received under section 1 within three months of use or distribution to the commissioner of public safety and post the reported information on its website. The commissioner of public safety must include the reported information in the commissioner's annual report to the legislature on accepted public safety gifts.

Section 2 amends a local government expenditure statute by authorizing certain local governments to expend money for a funeral or memorial for a fallen officer, and for travel and participation costs for qualified individuals in national memorial events for fallen public safety officers that occur within 24 months of the death of an officer or local government employee.

Both sections are effective May 1, 2025. Section 1 applies to gifts given on or after May 1.