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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Provides an income tax checkoff to fund memorials, benefits, and services for public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

#### Section

- 1 Public safety officer checkoff.** Provides that state individual income tax returns must allow an individual to designate an amount of money to be paid into the public safety officer memorial and survivor account. The amount designated will be added to the tax or deducted from the refund that otherwise would be paid to the individual.

Amounts in the account are appropriated to the commissioner of public safety to make grants to public safety officer associations that assist in building and preserving state memorial monuments, assist families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty, award scholarships to surviving family members, and otherwise provide services relating to public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

Requires the commissioner of public safety to report annually on spending from the account.

Creates a public safety officer memorial and survivor account advisory council and specifies membership. Requires the commissioner to consider the council's recommendations before awarding grants.