



# HOUSE BILL 741: Line of Duty Death Benefits for 911 Operators.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 741 would allow 911 operators who died as a result of a heart attack or stroke during the course of employment to receive death benefits.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Article 12A of Chapter 143 (the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act), if covered individuals die from covered causes in the line of duty, their surviving beneficiaries will receive a payment of \$100,000.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 741 would add "telecommunicators," defined to mean 911 call takers, dispatchers, radio operators, and data terminal operators to the list of employees covered by the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act. Surviving beneficiaries of telecommunicators would receive a death benefit of \$100,000 if the telecommunicators died from a heart attack or stroke during the course of employment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective July 1, 2021.

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