



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2574 (HF 750/HSB197)	House Local Gov:	<b>PASSED 2/25/21 (17-0)</b>
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Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)	Governor:	

### Length of Service Award Programs

- Creates a grant program to allow municipalities to provide a tax deferred award to volunteer firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers.
- The grant will provide up to \$1 for \$1 match in funding for municipalities that have established the award.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 - Allocation, appropriation, transfer, and reporting of funds (Iowa Code 99G.39)

\$1 million in lottery revenues will be transferred annually to the length of service award program grant fund.

#### Section 2 - Length of Service award programs – authorization (Iowa Code 100B.51)

New section – Authorizes a municipality to establish a length of service award program for volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers. The governing body shall in consultation with the commander of the fire or police department establish guidelines for eligibility and distribution requirements.

#### Section 3 - Length of Service award program grant fund – appropriation (Iowa Code 100B.52)

New section – The grant fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council appropriated for the purpose of providing grants to municipalities that have established a length of service award programs to provide contributions to the program.

The State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council shall develop and submit to the State Fire Marshal for adoption the rules establishing a grant application process. The State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council shall consult with the Iowa Firefighters Association and issue grants based on their recommendations.

The grant shall provide up to a dollar-for dollar funding match from a municipality with a service award program. Interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys credited to the fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.

### Amendment Analysis

#### H-8302 by Latham and Bloomingtondale

Amends the bill to replace the State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council with the Department of Revenue to adopt rules and administer the grant application process and distributing the grants.

#### H-8300 by Jacoby

Raises volunteer fire fighter and EMS tax credit from \$250/yr to \$1000/yr.