

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Length of Service Award Programs

- House File 340 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 Department of Revenue 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 Department shall develop and adopt the rules establishing a grant application process. 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. Municipalities are allowed to use money received to fund the program from any source for the purpose of providing the funding match required by the bill.