

Senate Bill 496

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Includes certain compensable workers' compensation claims as qualifying criteria for eligibility for benefits from Public Safety Memorial Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to eligibility for benefits from Public Safety Memorial Fund; amending ORS 243.954.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 243.954 is amended to read:

243.954. As used in ORS 243.954 to 243.974:

(1) "Child" means a person who is a natural child, adopted child or stepchild of a public safety officer and who is:

(a) 18 years of age or younger;

(b) 18 through 22 years of age and enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student; or

(c) 18 years of age or older and incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability.

(2) "Designee" means a person designated under ORS 243.974 (1).

(3) "Family member" means:

(a) The spouse of a public safety officer.

(b) A child of a public safety officer.

(c) A person who qualifies as a dependent of a public safety officer for state income tax purposes.

(4) "Permanent total disability" has the meaning given that term in ORS 656.206.

(5) "Public safety officer" means:

(a) Corrections officers, as defined in ORS 181.610.

(b) Fire service professionals, as defined in ORS 181.610, and includes volunteer firefighters as defined in ORS 652.050.

(c) Parole and probation officers, as defined in ORS 181.610.

(d) Police officers, as defined in ORS 181.610, and includes reserve officers, as defined in ORS 181.610.

(e) Youth correction officers, as defined in ORS 181.610.

(6) "Qualifying death or disability" means death or permanent total disability suffered by a public safety officer while on or off duty that is:

(a) **The result of an injury or occupational disease that is compensable under ORS chapter 656 or a disability program provided by a city having a population of more than 200,000 that provides comparable benefits by ordinance or charter; or**

(b) The direct or proximate result of:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(a)] **(A)** An enforcement action, an emergency response or public safety training for an
2 enforcement action or emergency response that the public safety officer is authorized or obligated
3 to perform by law, rule, regulation or condition of employment or service; or

4 [(b)] **(B)** An act committed against the public safety officer because of the public safety officer's
5 position as a public safety officer.

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