

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the firemen's supplemental pay program.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana and state statutes provide for state supplemental pay to fire protection officers; and

WHEREAS, the legislative auditor issued a performance audit of the state supplemental pay program on February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the report indicated that the fireman's supplemental pay board approves applications for any fire department staff that have obtained a Firefighter I certificate; and

WHEREAS, the report found that communications officers, records clerks, information technology staff, supply technicians, and mechanics were some of the job titles the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board approved to receive state supplemental pay in violation of state law; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the state fisc to ensure that the state supplemental pay program complies with all constitutional and statutory provisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the firemen's supplemental pay program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the state's payment to eligible persons who receive state supplemental pay in accordance with R.S. 40:1666.1, specifically all fire departments with over one hundred full-time employees, ten fire departments with fifty to ninety-nine full-time employees, and five fire departments with forty-nine employees or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall determine whether current payments pursuant to R.S. 40:1666.1 are made in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Appropriations no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Firemen's Supplemental Pay Board and the Department of Public Safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES