

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 33

2023 Regular Session

White

June 8, 2023

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 33 by Senator White, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That House Committee Amendment Nos. 4 and 5 proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 5, 2023, be adopted.
- 2. That House Committee Amendments Nos.1, 2, and 3 proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 5, 2023, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White Jr.

Representative Debbie Villio

Senator Heather Cloud

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

Senator Gary L. Smith Jr.

Representative Clay Schexnayder

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tracy Sudduth.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY. Increases the amount of supplemental pay for eligible law enforcement and fire service employees. (7/1/23)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Direct the legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the state's payment to eligible persons who receive state supplemental pay. Direct the legislative auditor to examine the state's purpose in enacting state supplemental pay and to determine whether current supplemental payments have deviated from the original purpose of the legislation and are made in accordance with law. Directs the legislative auditor to recommend modifications to the state supplemental pay program, report the impact of any recommended change on the state budget, and submit such report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance no later than February 1, 2024.
2. Make technical changes.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Provide for state supplemental pay for every commissioned law enforcement officer employed on a full-time basis by a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution in the capacity of a police officer.
2. Change the number of tribal officers of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana eligible for state supplemental pay from thirteen to all eligible law enforcement officers.
3. Change the number of tribal officers of the Coushatta Indian Tribe of Louisiana eligible for state supplemental pay from no more than eight to no more than twenty such law enforcement officers.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that every justice of the peace and every constable for each justice of the peace court in the state shall be paid by the state an additional salary not to exceed one hundred dollars per month.

Proposed law increases the amount of additional compensation paid by the state from \$100 to \$120 per month.

Present law provides that in addition to compensation now paid by any municipality, parish, fire protection district, or other political subdivision maintaining a fire department, or by the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana or the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, or by any nonprofit corporation contracting with a political subdivision to provide fire protection services to every paid, regularly employed employee who is paid not less than three hundred dollars per month, not including supplemental pay, as distinguished from part-time employees and volunteers of the fire department, who are carried on the payroll of the fire department, and every employee who is paid from funds of the parish or municipality or tribe obtained through lawfully adopted bond issues, lawfully assessed taxes, or other funds available for the purpose, either directly or through a board or commission set up by law or ordinance of the parish or municipality or tribe, shall be paid extra compensation by the state in the

amount of \$500 per month for each paid employee who has completed or who hereafter completes one year of service.

Proposed law increases the amount of additional compensation paid by the state from \$500 to \$600 per month.

Present law requires that every fire protection officer employed on a full-time basis by a port authority headquartered in the city of New Orleans, and full-time fire protection officers employed by the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, be paid extra compensation by the state in the amount of \$500 per month in addition to the compensation now paid by his employer out of self-generated revenue attributable to the agency employing the fire protection officers. Requires each officer to have completed one year of service, and that those hired after March 31, 1986, also to have completed and passed a certified fireman's training program equal to National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 Firefighter I Certification or a firefighter's training program as approved by the office of state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy in accordance with law, or other state or federally approved maritime firefighter training program.

Proposed law increases the amount of additional compensation paid by the state from \$500 to \$600 per month.

Present law requires that every commissioned deputy sheriff employed on a full-time basis shall be paid extra compensation by the state out of monies appropriated. Present law provides that any deputy sheriff hired after March 31, 1986, primarily to perform purely clerical or nonenforcement duties, including but not limited to typists, office machine operators, switchboard operators, filing clerks, stenoclerks, stenographers, animal shelter personnel, school crossing guards, secretaries, cooks, mechanics, and maintenance personnel, whether or not a duly commissioned deputy sheriff or POST-certified, is not deemed to be a commissioned deputy sheriff entitled to additional compensation out of state funds.

Proposed law retains these provisions and requires the sheriff, out of funds appropriated for payment by the state of extra compensation, to pay additional compensation for full-time commissioned deputy sheriffs, and for those hired after March 31, 1986, who have completed and passed a council-approved training program and who are paid a salary of not less than three hundred fifty dollars per month, in the amount of \$500 per month for each full-time commissioned deputy sheriff at the completion of one year of service.

Proposed law increases this amount from \$500 to \$600 per month.

Present law provides that any full-time deputy sheriff employed as a field representative or process server and who is paid a salary of not less than three hundred fifty dollars per month is entitled to receive extra compensation in the amount of \$500 per month at the completion of one year of service provided the field representative or process server has completed and passed a council-approved training program as provided by law.

Proposed law increases this amount from \$500 to \$600 per month.

Present law requires that additional compensation to be paid by the state in the amount of \$500 per month to any harbor police officer, fireboat operator, and bridge police officer, every harbor police officer, fireboat employee, and bridge police officer who is a full-time employee of a political subdivision of the state; and who is paid a salary of not less than eight hundred dollars per month; and who has completed and passed a POST-certified training program as provided by law; and who has completed or who hereafter completes one year of service.

Proposed law increases this amount from \$500 to \$600 per month.

Proposed law directs the legislative auditor to examine, investigate, and audit the state's supplemental pay program. Directs the legislative auditor to examine the original purpose of state supplemental pay, to determine whether such payments have deviated from the original purpose of the enacting legislation, and whether current payments made are in accordance with law. Directs the legislative auditor to recommend modifications to the state supplemental pay program based upon the audit, report the impact on the state budget if

changes are enacted, and submit a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance no later than February 1, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 13:2591(A)(1), R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(1), (4)(a), and (6)(a), 1667.1(A)(1) and (2)(a), 1667.7(B) and (G), and 1667.9)