

1-1 By: Turner of Dallas, et al. H.B. No. 3635
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hughes)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2019;
 1-4 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to financial assistance paid to the survivors of certain
 1-21 law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public employees
 1-22 killed in the line of duty.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 615.022, Government Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 615.022. PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS. (a) If there is an
 1-27 eligible surviving spouse, the state shall pay the benefits
 1-28 described by Subsection (d) [~~\$500,000~~] to the eligible surviving
 1-29 spouse.

1-30 (b) If there is no eligible surviving spouse, the state
 1-31 shall pay the benefits described by Subsection (d) [~~\$500,000~~] in
 1-32 equal shares to surviving children.

1-33 (c) If there is no eligible surviving spouse or child, the
 1-34 state shall pay the benefits described by Subsection (d) [~~\$500,000~~]
 1-35 in equal shares to surviving parents.

1-36 (d) An eligible survivor, or eligible survivors in equal
 1-37 shares, are entitled to receive a lump sum payment in the amount
 1-38 provided by this subsection. The lump sum payment amount payable to
 1-39 an eligible survivor during the 12 months beginning September 1,
 1-40 2019, is \$500,000. Effective September 1 of each following year,
 1-41 the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas by
 1-42 rule shall adjust the amount of the lump sum payment required under
 1-43 this subsection by an amount equal to the percentage change in the
 1-44 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the
 1-45 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor
 1-46 for the preceding year. The amount paid to an eligible survivor or
 1-47 survivors as adjusted under this subsection is calculated based on
 1-48 the date of the decedent's death and not on the date the eligible
 1-49 survivor or survivors file a claim under this chapter.

1-50 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
 1-51 payment of assistance to survivors of certain public employees on
 1-52 or after the effective date of this Act regardless of the date the
 1-53 public employee died.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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