

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2272
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

Proposed committee substitute 2 for HB2272 allows new and existing deputy sheriffs and county jailers to receive the same retirement benefit structure as other hazardous duty employees in OPERS and aligns the employee contribution rate of these members at 8 percent of allowable compensation. Retirement benefits for hazardous duty employees in OPERS are calculated using a 2.5 percent per year multiplier for the first 20 years of service and 2 percent per year multiplier for service in excess of 20 years. Any service completed as a deputy sheriff or county jailer prior to the effective date of the act will be counted as hazardous duty service credit computed at the 2.5 percent multiplier.

The measure also allows a death benefit to be paid to the surviving spouse or children of any deputy sheriff and county jailer who is killed or mortally wounded during the performance of their job duties. The monthly benefit is payable for life to the surviving spouse and is computed by multiplying 20 years or the actual years of service completed by the employee, whichever is greater, 2.5 percent and the member's final average compensation divided by 12. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is payable to a child or the children of the member, until the child or children reaches the age of 18 or 22, depending on the child's enrollment status in a higher education institution.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.