

Virginia Retirement System 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1118

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: McPike

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Line of Duty Act; firefighter trainees.

5. Summary: Provides that a firefighter trainee enrolled in a Fire Service Training course offered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, or any other required training course, shall be eligible for Line of Duty Act benefits.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final; no fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VRS and all public employers, state and local, that employ firefighter personnel.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Line of Duty Act (“LODA”) covers certain hazardous duty personnel and their families for benefits in the event of a qualifying disability or death in the line of duty. Members of recognized fire companies and departments are among the existing population covered by LODA. SB 1118 does not add a new category of LODA-covered employees, but instead attempts to clarify the circumstances in which an already covered firefighter would be eligible for LODA benefits.

The bill provides that a firefighter trainee who is a member of a recognized fire company or department and who is enrolled in certain required training courses is eligible for LODA benefits in the event of a disability or death in the line of duty, notwithstanding the “trainee” status. Firefighter trainees are covered by LODA under current law since they are otherwise members of a recognized fire company. The unique facts and circumstances of a trainee’s disability or death would determine whether LODA benefits would be approved.

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