

## Virginia Retirement System 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 1118

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

2. **Patron:** McPike

3. **Committee:** General Laws and Technology

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:** 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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