

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, the survivors of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other individuals killed in the line of duty are eligible for financial assistance. In 2002, the 107th United States Congress passed a law providing benefits to the survivors of police and fire chaplains. As proposed, S.B. 482 mirrors the new federal law by adding the survivors of certain police and fire chaplains killed in the line of duty to those individuals who are eligible for state benefits under Chapter 615, Government Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 615.003, Government Code, by adding Subdivision (14) to add the eligible survivors of chaplains of certain fire fighting units and law enforcement agencies in this state to the list of individuals who may benefit from the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.