

SENATE BILL No. 396

March 19, 2009, Introduced by Senators McMANUS, BROWN, KAHN and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 46, entitled
"Public safety officers benefit act,"
(MCL 28.631 to 28.638) by amending the title and by adding section
4a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE

2 An act to provide compensation **AND OTHER BENEFITS** to
3 dependents of public safety officers who are killed or who are
4 permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty; to create the
5 public safety officers benefit fund; to prescribe the duties and
6 responsibilities of certain state officers; and to make an
7 appropriation.

1 SEC. 4A. (1) FOR EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO HAS DIED IN
2 THE LINE OF DUTY, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND
3 HIS OR HER DEPENDENTS WITH HEALTH COVERAGE COMPARABLE TO THE
4 COVERAGE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WAS RECEIVING AT THE TIME OF
5 HIS OR HER DEATH. COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CEASE
6 FOR THE SPOUSE SHOULD THE SPOUSE QUALIFY FOR COMPARABLE HEALTH
7 COVERAGE FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER AND FOR A DEPENDENT UPON 1 OF THE
8 FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER IS LATER:

9 (A) HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

10 (B) IF THE DEPENDENT IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN
11 ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, HIS OR HER TWENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

12 (2) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO
13 DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND AUGUST 1,
14 2007, AND WHOSE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT HEALTH COVERAGE WAS
15 NOT CONTINUED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY HE OR SHE SERVED.