



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3321

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Honorable Funerals for First Responders Act. Provides that a first responder killed in the line of duty shall receive an honorable funeral. Defines "honorable funeral" as a funeral that respects the wishes of the deceased first responder and the family of the deceased first responder and includes religious observances desired by the deceased first responder and the family of the deceased first responder. Provides that an elected official may not attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty if the elected official knows, or has reason to know, that the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty does not wish the elected official to attend the funeral. Provides that in no case shall any elected official be required to attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty. Provides that the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty shall have sole discretion over which elected official may attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty. Provides that, before an elected official attends the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty, the elected official must make reasonable efforts to learn if the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty would like the elected official to attend the funeral. Defines other terms.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Honorable Funerals for First Responders Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Elected official" includes any person appointed or
8 elected to any office in the State or a unit of local
9 government.

10 "First responder" includes:

11 (1) a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 2
12 of the Line of Duty Compensation Act;

13 (2) a fireman as defined in Section 2 of the Line of
14 Duty Compensation Act; and

15 (3) emergency medical service personnel as defined in
16 Emergency the Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.

17 "Honorable funeral" means a funeral that respects the
18 wishes of the deceased first responder and the family of the
19 deceased first responder and includes religious observances
20 desired by the deceased first responder and the family of the
21 deceased first responder.

22 Section 10. Honorable funeral services. Notwithstanding

1 any other provision of law, a first responder killed in the
2 line of duty shall receive an honorable funeral.

3 Section 15. Elected officials. An elected official may not
4 attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of
5 duty if the elected official knows, or has reason to know, that
6 the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty
7 does not wish the elected official to attend the funeral. In no
8 case shall any elected official be required to attend the
9 funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty. The
10 family of the first responder killed in the line of duty shall
11 have sole discretion over which elected official may attend
12 the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty.
13 Before an elected official attends the funeral of a first
14 responder killed in the line of duty, the elected official
15 must make reasonable efforts to learn if the family of the
16 first responder killed in the line of duty would like the
17 elected official to attend the funeral.