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Bill Analysis

SB 655 places the administration of the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool under the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The measure also states that first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after responding to an emergency to receive compensation for the injury. If the Worker's Compensation Commission determines a first responder is suffering from PTSD not accompanied by a physical injury, the employer shall provide reasonable and necessary medical treatment for such injury for up to 1 year. The employer shall not be responsible for any medical treatment exceeding \$10,000.00 in cost. Additionally, if a physician determines that said responder is unable to perform his or her duties, they shall be entitled to compensation outlined in the measure, provided such disability compensation does not extend beyond 52 weeks.

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