LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 04/08/20

BT or RC No:

(Administration & City Council Bills)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The City of Jacksonville is currently under a state and local public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An essential resource during this emergency is sufficient staffing of first responders, specifically police officers and fire fighters. Given the likely continued spread of COVID-19, a significant number of the City's police officers and fire fighters may be temporarily unable to report to work due to possible COVID-19 exposure or quarantines related to COVID-19. A significant decline in the number of available police officers and fire fighters will prevent the City from providing its citizens with essential police and fire/rescue services. Temporary first responders will need to be hired to prevent a decline in these essential services. Training new employees to temporarily serve in such positions will require significant time and resources and would not be practical. However, many retired City police officers and fire fighters possess the necessary skills and training to immediately assist in a temporary capacity.

This bill allows for the re-hiring of retired City of Jacksonville police officers and fire fighters, on a temporary basis, as needed to provide sufficient police and fire/rescue services to the City of Jacksonville. Qualified retirees may be temporarily re-hired if the Sheriff or Director/Fire Chief determines that the COVID-19 emergency has caused, or is likely to cause, a significant reduction in the number of full-time police officers or fire fighters available for duty.

Re-hired retired police officers and fire fighters will continue to receive their retirement benefits and will not accrue any additional pension benefits. They will be re-hired as temporary employees and may continue to serve, at the pleasure of the Sheriff or Director/Fire Chief, for up to sixty days after the expiration of the Mayor's Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001, or any extension thereof.

This bill is an emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City needs the ability to immediately hire temporary first responders to maintain sufficient police and fire/rescue services to the City of Jacksonville.

This bill also provides for a waiver of Section 112.63(3), Florida Statutes, and Section 121.104, Ordinance Code, which require the issuance of an actuarial impact statement before the adoption of a change to a local retirement system. This waiver is permitted by Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order Number 20-52, which states "each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to: 1) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. . . ." The waiver is requested so that the hiring of temporary first responders can take immediately if necessary, without waiting on the formality of obtaining an actuarial impact statement. The time required for obtaining such a statement is currently unknown. Notwithstanding the waiver, the City will request an actuarial impact statement and will issue such statement as soon as practicable. A related bill is being concurrently filed to amend Section 120.309, Ordinance Code, to allow the re-hiring of retired corrections officers.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated

\$0.00 as follows:

List the source **name** and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

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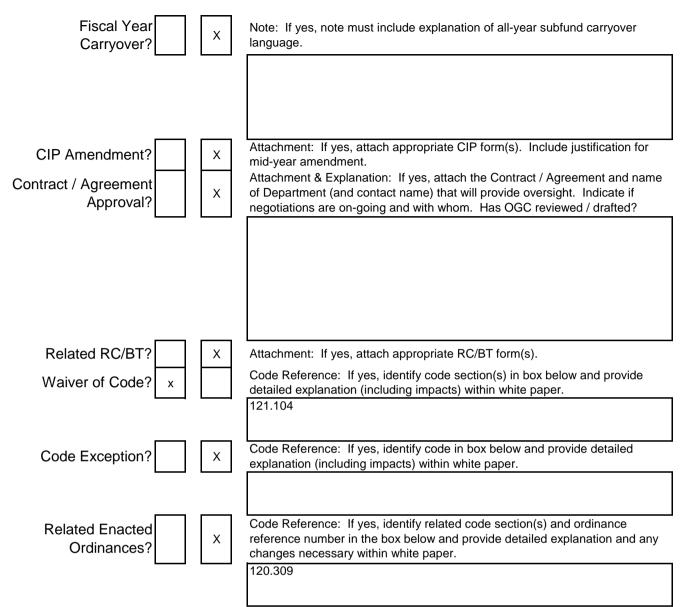
PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

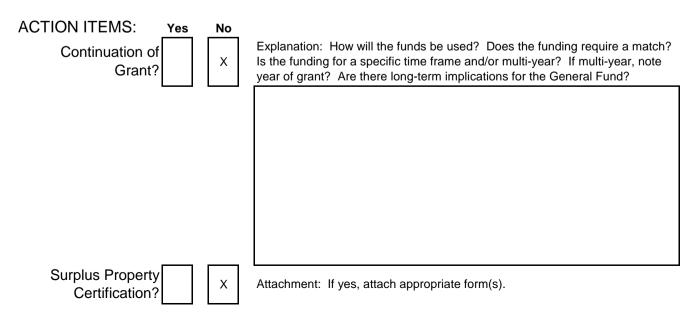
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ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

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Federal or State Mandate?	х	



ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.



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