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### **GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

**SPONSOR:** D. Pollock

**ITEM TYPE:** Resolution

**AGENDA SECTION:** CONSENT AGENDA - General Business

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Adopt the Resolution authorizing participation effective January 1, 2025, required by House Bill 451 "The Ashley Wilson Act", through ACCG-IRMA First Responder PTSD Program: Critical Illness Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit and Long-Term Disability (Income Replacement) Benefit. The Estimated Annual Premium for the First Responder PTSD Program for both components is \$61,658 with funding provided by the FY25 Benefits Fund. (D. Pollock)

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 451, known as the "Ashley Wilson Act," was enacted in Georgia to support first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) arising from their work. Named after a police sergeant who advocated for more mental health resources, the law requires that local governments offer supplemental insurance coverage for eligible first responders diagnosed with PTSD. The coverage includes a one-time \$3,000 cash benefit and monthly income replacement up to 60% of the responder's salary (up to \$5,000 per month) for up to 36 months. This benefit aims to give first responders sufficient time to seek treatment and recovery without financial hardship. The new provisions take effect on January 1, 2025.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[ACCG-IRMA FRPTSD Enrollment Packet- Existing Members.pdf](#)

[PTSD Quote Proposal- ACCG IRMA.pdf](#)