

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

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 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 4183/1

INTRODUCTION # AB 734

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Firearms for Campus Police Officers

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 734 authorizes a police officer employed or contracted for by the Board of Regents to possess a firearm while in the line of duty.

Currently, the Chancellor of each institution determines the level of security or police to be employed on campus. If the Chancellor employs or contracts with police officers, it is up to him/her to determine whether the police officers will be allowed to carry firearms. This bill would eliminate the power of the Chancellor to decide whether the police officers they employ on their campuses should carry guns. Under the bill, any police officers employed or contracted for by UW System would be allowed to carry guns.

Seven UW System campuses currently allow the officers on their campus police forces to carry firearms: Madison, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Parkside, Stout, and Whitewater. The one-time cost of a sidearm and holster at these institutions ranges from \$375 to \$660 per officer. In addition, it is not clear whether vests would also be required. Vests cost approximately \$620 each and must be replaced every 5 years. Annual training and ammunition costs range from \$217 to \$773 per officer.

This bill would affect the approximately 30 campus police officers employed at four campuses that currently do not allow their officers to carry firearms: La Crosse, Oshkosh, Platteville, and Stevens Point. Using the cost per officer figures from the already armed campuses, the initial provision of weapons would cost from \$11,250 to \$19,800. If vests are also required this would cost \$18,600. Yearly ammunition and training would be an additional \$6,510 to \$23,190.

Two campuses, River Falls and Superior, employ security personnel only and not police officers. To upgrade these forces to police for the purpose of carrying weapons would dramatically increase costs. Superior indicated a doubling of their budget would be needed (an additional \$100,000). However, nothing in the bill would require these campuses to replace their security personnel with police officers.

The bill may have some small impact on payments for municipal services (PMS). Situations that previously called for an armed response could now be handled by campus police. While this could affect agreements between the police at the campuses involved and the local municipal departments, the actual PMS payment would not change until the PMS formulas are recalculated. In addition, the number of officers on those campuses that would be affected is small so that some back up would still be needed from the local police forces. Therefore, the impact of any change in the payments for municipal services would be a small, if at all.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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