

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2810/2	Introduction Number AB-575
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Subject
 Protective occupation participant status for certain state social workers

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would authorize, but would not require, Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) employers to classify individuals employed by them as social workers as protective occupation participants for purposes of the WRS. Because it is not possible to determine the number of employers that would choose to classify their employees as protective occupation participants, it is not possible to determine the fiscal effect of this bill.

However, if 25 percent of the social workers employed by the state and by local governments that participate in the WRS were classified as protective occupation participants, this bill would increase fringe benefit costs for WRS employers by approximately \$3,700,000 a year, based upon the following assumptions and data.

1. Approximately 5525 individuals are currently employed as social workers by WRS employers.
2. It is assumed that the average salary of state and local social workers is \$44,000 per year.
3. For 2005, the fringe benefit rate difference for protective occupation participants as opposed to general employees is 2.5 percent. In addition, employers pay a percentage of payroll for death and disability payments for protective occupation participants. Generally, this percentage ranges from 1.1 percent to 6.6 percent, depending upon the past disability claims of the employer. For the purpose of this fiscal estimate, a contribution rate of 3.6 percent (this rate is in the middle range operates that may be imposed on employer) is used.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications