

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-3957/1	Introduction Number AB-835
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Description
 Fee remission for children and surviving spouses of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters, and law enforcement officers

Fiscal Effect

State:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
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Fund Sources Affected

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS S. 20.292(1)(am)

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 835 expands the existing eligibility established in s.38.245(5), which provides full remission of WTCS fees for surviving spouses and children of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters and law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

AB 835 extends remission to surviving spouses and children of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters and law enforcement officers who are participants in one of three specified retirement systems, who qualified for duty disability benefits and who later died from the qualifying disability.

In only one of the last three years did WTCS colleges grant full fee remission under the existing provisions of s.38.24(5), at a total cost of \$5,900 for three remissions granted in 2003-04. The WTCS already applies s.38.24(5) fee remissions to situations where one of the specified employees later dies from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Therefore, based on the history of limited requests for remissions and that the WTCS already allows for remissions based on injuries that later result in death, it appears unlikely that the statutory changes included in AB 835 would significantly increase the remissions provided by the WTCS.

The remissions are funded under s.20.292(1)(am), with a total appropriation of \$14,300. Based on the remission costs over the last three years, an additional four remissions annually could be provided under the existing remission appropriation without seeking additional state funding. Section 38.24(5) requires that, if in any fiscal year the existing remission appropriation is not adequate, the Joint Finance Committee shall be notified. Therefore, based on the available appropriation and provisions for notifying the Joint Finance Committee, AB 835 is not anticipated to create any fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

While AB 835 is not anticipated to create any immediate increase in demand for remissions beyond the existing appropriation capacity, it is important to note that additional long-term fiscal effects could result from natural disasters or terrorist attacks. It is not possible to estimate the possible anticipated demand or the timeframe of the possible increased demand.