

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Description Disciplinary procedures for certain local law enforcement officers and fire fighters		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would change the appeal procedure for city, village, or town public safety officers who are disciplined. Under the bill, if an accused officer is subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that provides an alternative to the appeal process to a circuit court, the appeal process in the collective bargaining agreement applies to the accused officer and not the current law process that involves an appeal to a circuit court. An officer may choose to appeal the disciplinary decision to a circuit court rather than to the alternative provided in the collective bargaining agreement. An accused officer who chooses to appeal the tribunal's decision through a collectively bargained alternative to the current law appeal process is considered to have waived his or her right to circuit court review of the tribunal's decision.

Assuming that collective bargaining agreements for the public safety officers affected by this bill contain an alternative appeal procedure and assuming the accused officers choose that alternative appeal procedure, then this bill may result in fewer appeals to circuit court being brought by the accused officers. An accurate estimate of the number of such appeals is impossible with the data available, but it is estimated that there would be only a minor change in the workload of the circuit courts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications