

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-3292/2		Introduction Number AB-0787	
Description Psychological evaluations for law enforcement officers, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities			
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations			
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that a candidate for a full-time law enforcement officer position must submit to a psychological evaluation. This evaluation requirement applies to officers appointed on or after January 1, 2009. The bill also requires local and state agencies that employ law enforcement officers to review the psychological evaluation before appointing the individual.

Based on the 2006 U.S. Census of Governments, Wisconsin is estimated to have 11,324 local police officers. In addition, based on a survey of nearly 1,000 law enforcement agencies by the Police Executive Research Forum in 2005, the average vacancy rate in law enforcement positions is about 4%. Assuming the psychological evaluation required by the bill is applied to 4% of local law enforcement positions annually, approximately 450 evaluations will be required by local governments each year.

Usually, fees for psychological evaluation are based upon the number and nature of psychological tests administered. Depending on the nature of the tests (written test, computer tests, an interview, a combination of both, etc) and the position of a person administering it (clerk, psychological professionals, or a psychologist), the costs can vary quite significantly. While the bill requires the evaluation to be conducted by a licensed psychologist, the content of the evaluation is to be determined by rule. Assuming each psychological evaluation costs \$600 (based on a breakdown of police academy costs in New Jersey), the bill would add an estimated \$300,000 annually to the costs of local governments employing police officers. These costs would be diminished, however, to the degree that local governments are already requiring psychological evaluations for new officers.

The Department of Revenue does not expect to incur any significant costs under this proposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$300,000
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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