

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Description Authorizing cities and towns, and expanding the authority of villages, to create combined protective services departments		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a village with a population of 5,000 or more must provide police protection services by (a) having its own police department, (b) contracting for police protection services with another municipality or the county, or (c) creating a joint police department with another municipality. A village with a population of 5,500 or more must provide fire protection services by (a) having its own fire department, (b) contracting for fire protection services with another municipality, or (c) creating a joint fire department with another municipality. In addition, until January 1, 1987, villages were allowed to create a combined protective services department to provide police and fire protection services or to require any person employed before January 1, 1987, to provide police protection or fire protection services or provide either service.

Under the bill, the January 1, 1987 limitation for villages on the creation of joint protective services departments and the services that employees may be required to provide are repealed. In addition, the power to create joint protective services departments and the ability to require certain employees to provide both fire and police protection services is extended to towns and all cities except cities of the first class.

The Department of Revenue does not have data to permit a comparison of the cost of providing police and fire protection services through a combined protective services department versus separate police and fire protection services. Thus, the Department is unable to estimate the reduction in municipal expenditures that this bill could engender. However, it may be assumed that local governments would not form a joint protective services department if such an entity cost more than separate departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications