

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 09-4579/1	Introduction Number AB-0954	Estimate Type Original
Description Requiring municipalities to pay health insurance premiums for survivors of a fire fighter who dies, or has died, in the line of duty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that municipal employers pay for the health insurance of a surviving spouse, if not remarried, and dependent children to age 27 of a firefighter who dies or has previously died in the line of duty, if the municipality pays health insurance for firefighters while employed.

This bill does not appear to apply to or have fiscal effect on the state or the state employees group health insurance program but would impact some municipalities who participate in the Wisconsin Public Employers Group health insurance program authorized under Wis Stats 40.51 (7).

The fiscal effect on participating local governments is indeterminate. The department has no data relating to the number of firefighters who have died in the past in the line of duty, no estimate of the number that may die in the future and no data on the number of surviving spouses who have not remarried.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications