

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 7/17/2013

LRB Number	13-1451/2	Introduction Number	AB-0921	Estimate Type	Original
Description Training in traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder awareness for law enforcement officers, tribal officers, emergency medical technicians, and first responders and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) can license an individual as an emergency medical technician or certify an individual as a first responder if the individual satisfactorily completes an instruction and training course or demonstrates that he or she is adequately trained and educated in emergency care. Current law requires specialized training in responses to terrorist attacks and allows DHS to set additional qualification requirements and to promulgate rules for specialized training.

This bill requires DHS to promulgate rules that require specialized instruction and training in traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) for current emergency medical technicians and first responders, as well as individuals seeking initial certification in those areas. The training must provide the individual with general knowledge of traumatic brain injuries and PTSD, the ability to recognize the symptoms of a traumatic brain injury or PTSD, and instructions regarding how to interact with individuals who suffer from either of these conditions. DHS must submit the rules in proposed form to the legislative council staff no later than the first day of the 4th month after the Act's publication. DHS is not required to provide a statement of the scope of the rules or the rules in final draft form to the governor for approval. DHS is also not required to prepare an economic impact report for the rules, submit the proposal rules to the small business regulatory review board, or prepare a final regulatory flexibility analysis for the rules.

DHS may require the training under emergency rule authority until the permanent rules are promulgated. DHS is not required to provide evidence that promulgating this rule as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of an emergency for the rule promulgation.

As of April 2013, Wisconsin has 18,632 licensed and/or certified emergency medical services (EMS) personnel (including emergency medical technicians and first responders) who provide 804 licensed and/or certified EMS services. Information on how to assess and manage emergent traumatic brain injury is already included in the curricula for EMS personnel. However, there is currently no curricula content regarding how to interact and assess individuals who are affected by traumatic brain injuries with lasting neurological impairments or who suffer from PTSD. EMS personnel currently complete training using Wisconsin's Training Finder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network (WI-TRAIN) website, which is the most widely used learning management system in the U.S. for public health workers and emergency responders.

This bill is estimated to have a fiscal impact on DHS. The fiscal estimate arises from additional costs to develop and implement new administrative rules and training materials as well as maintenance costs of the training website. The total one-time costs of developing the rules, developing the training materials, distributing training materials, and training staff is estimated to be \$12,950. The total ongoing costs of \$6,500 are related to maintenance of WI-TRAIN website. The total first year cost to implement the bill would be \$19,450. Maintenance of the WI-TRAIN website would include costs to monitor and troubleshoot issues related to accessing the training on WI-TRAIN and obtaining the actual certification/license.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 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): One-time costs include \$2,800 for rule-making staff time, \$3,750 for training staff time, \$1,400 for materials deployment staff time, and \$5,000 for materials and shipping. Total one-time costs are \$12,950.			
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		6,500	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$6,500	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		6,500	
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			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$6,500	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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