

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **15-3857/1** Introduction Number **SB-427**

Description
Preparation and response required by railroad corporations in the event of discharge of transported materials and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill establishes the emergency preparedness required of railroad corporations transporting hazardous materials in the state and the response required by railroad corporations if a discharge of hazardous materials occurs. This requires the Office of Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) to employ 4 safety inspectors who will inspect railroad tracks, rights-of-way, yards, and physical plants and review railroad safety requirements, security measures, and maintenance and repair records. This bill also requires OCR to reimburse fire departments for certain expenses associated with the training required by this bill. This bill requires OCR to assess each railroad corporation a proportionate share, based on route miles operated in this state, of OCR's expenses related to the rail inspection and training required by this bill.

The fiscal effect for OCR is not determinable. The salary and fringe expense for 4 rail safety inspectors is approximately \$220,000. The expense for reimbursing fire departments for certain expenses associated with the training required by this bill is not determinable. Training expense for fire departments could vary by how each fire department provides this training. Since the total expense related to rail inspection and the training required by this bill the amount at which each railroad corporation is assessed is not determinable.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications