

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-1418/1	Introduction Number SB-155
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Description
 participation in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program by agencies serving homeless individuals

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues

 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations

 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS (1)(a) and (8)(a)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, certain individuals may participate in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program by providing services to low-income persons who are uninsured through a nonprofit agency while receiving no income for the services. These services may not be provided to individuals who are enrolled in Medical Assistance or Medicare except in specific instances.

To participate in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program, a health care professional must submit a joint application with a nonprofit agency, school board, or school governing body to the Department. Providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program are considered agents of the state for certain purposes, including; 1) representation by the attorney general in a civil action or other matter brought before a court or administrative agency; 2) mandatory filing of a notice of claim before bringing a civil claim against the agent; and 3) payment by the state of a judgement of damages and costs against the agent when found to be acting within the scope of employment.

Under the proposed legislation, volunteer health care providers that provide services to recipients of Medical Assistance can participate in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program if the Medical Assistance recipients served are primarily homeless individuals.

To meet the requirements of this legislation, the Department would need to make modifications to the existing database and conduct outreach to raise awareness of the program. The Department can absorb any costs associated with these activities using existing resources.

Liability claims against the state are paid from funds administered by the Department of Administration. The Department pays premiums to DOA for liability insurance. The Department paid \$657,016 for liability insurance and \$5,000 for medical malpractice insurance in SFY19. If these newly eligible volunteer health care providers were added to the Department for liability purposes, and claims were made against them, the Department's liability premiums would also increase. However, the amount by which the premiums will increase as a result of the bill cannot be estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications