

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Death benefits under the Wisconsin retirement system		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 134 provides that any WRS participant who at the time of death was a participating employee, who died between January 1, 1997 and December 22, 1997, who had not attained the age of 60 (or age 55 if a protective) and had at least 25 years of WRS creditable service would qualify for an increased death benefit to be paid to his/her dependent beneficiaries. The increased death benefit would include an amount equal to the participant's employee-required contribution accumulations that were credited to the participant's account at the time of the previous death benefit.

The bill creates a GPR sum sufficient appropriation to fund the increased benefits. The beneficiary must apply for the increased death benefit no later than the first day of the sixth month beginning after the effective date of the bill.

The Department estimates that 21 WRS participants have died between January 1, 1997 and December 22, 1997 that meet the bill's requirements. The bill would require development of a special application, notification to eligible beneficiaries, training to staff on new benefit and procedures, updates to our telephone message system, website and brochures and additional processing of benefits. One-time GPR costs are estimated at \$1,800.

The fiscal estimate addresses only the administrative costs of the bill. The Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems will estimate the fiscal effect on the trust fund.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
\$1,800 GPR one-time costs			
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			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
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			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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