

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

**LRB Number 03-1933/3**      **Introduction Number SB-119**

**Subject**  
Payment of litigation expenses of municipal employees

**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**  
 GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 4/23/2003

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. Current law permits a municipality (a city, town, village, school district, technical college district, or county) to pay the reasonable expenses of a municipal officer who is sued in his or her official capacity.
2. Enactment of SB 119 would make this permissive provision mandatory - municipalities would be required to pay these litigation expenses for an emergency medical technician, first responder, fire fighter, or law enforcement or correctional officer unless the person resigns before the expenses are incurred or his or her employment is terminated for cause.
3. If enacted, SB 119 is intended to apply to the specified positions acting as municipal officers in the designated official capacity of emergency medical technician, first responder, fire fighter, or law enforcement or correctional officer.
4. Technical college districts do not employ emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters, law enforcement or correctional officers in these official capacities. Individuals who are employed in these official capacities by other state or municipal governments are employed by technical college districts as adjunct faculty as instructors.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Since technical college districts do not employ emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters, law enforcement or correctional officers in these official capacities, enactment of SB 119 would have no long-range fiscal implications for technical college districts or the Wisconsin Technical College System.