

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 09-1776/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0312 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Authorizing cities and towns, and expanding the authority of villages, to create combined protective services departments | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would allow certain municipalities to create a combined police and fire department with personnel employed to perform both fire fighting and police duties (this would be a single department within a municipality as opposed to a combination of services among two or more municipalities). Personnel employed by these combined protective service departments would be classified as protective occupation employees as defined in s. 40.02 (48) (c).

Administrative costs associated with publication and form revisions, printing, and training would be incurred by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Depending on the determination by the Social Security Administration regarding the appropriate classification of these employees for the purposes of the Social Security program (i.e., determining whether all, some or none of the new employee earnings are covered by the Social Security Program), additional costs, including changes to various Department information technology systems may also be incurred. Determining how the Social Security Administration would classify employees affected by this bill is beyond the scope of this fiscal estimate. As such, the estimate is indeterminate.

This estimate relates only to the administrative costs associated with this bill. The fiscal estimate on the program costs to the Wisconsin Retirement System will be provided by the Joint Survey on Retirement Systems.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications