

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

RET 12/17/2009

LRB Number	09-3129/2	Introduction Number	SB-429	Estimate Type	Original
Description Establishing a presumption for employment-connected communicable diseases for fire fighters, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement officers, and certain correctional employees					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law provides that a state, county, or municipal fire fighter who dies or is disabled as the result of a heart or respiratory impairment or disease or of cancer, is legally presumed to have been caused by the employment as a fire fighter if the fire fighter served a minimum term in that employment (five years for a heart or respiratory impairment or disease and ten years for cancer) and the qualifying medical examination given before his or her joining the fire department showed no evidence of the impairment or disease. A fire fighter who meets these conditions is eligible for disability or death benefits under s.40.65, Stats.

2009 Senate Bill 429 creates a similar presumption for municipal fire fighter, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement officers, or correctional officers who die or are disabled as a result of certain infectious diseases. The bill provides that in a proceeding regarding benefits for a state, county, or municipal fire fighter, emergency medical service provider, law enforcement officer, or correctional officer who dies or is disabled as a result of certain infectious diseases, there is a presumption that the disease was caused by the person's employment as a fire fighter, an emergency medical service provider, a law enforcement officer, or a correctional officer if the person's qualifying medical examination showed no evidence of the disease. The bill does not require a minimum term of employment to qualify for the presumption. Thus, a state, county, or municipal fire fighter, emergency medical service provider, law enforcement officer, or correctional officer who meets the conditions of the bill is entitled to duty disability or death benefits under s.40.65, Stats. Duty disability and death benefits are paid out of the core trust fund.

In order to determine the cost to the core fund, an actuarial study would be necessary. As the legislature does not employ an actuary, the Legislative Council Staff would need to contract with the actuarial firm contracted by ETF at an approximate cost of \$15,000. An actuarial study may be requested by the cochairpersons of the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems (JSCRS) for bills referred to the JSCRS or by the presiding officer of either house of the Wisconsin Legislature for a bill that is pending in that house.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Long-range implications remain indeterminate until an actuarial study is performed.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
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 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): Actuarial study.			
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	15,000		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$15,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	15,000		
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	\$15,000		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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