

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-1698/2	Introduction Number	SB-278	Estimate Type	Original
Description Authorizing local government employees to participate in ancillary insurance coverage programs offered by the Group Insurance Board to state employees					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill authorizes local government employees to participate in the state's optional employee-paid insurance coverage programs (vision, dental, etc.) offered by the Group Insurance Board to state employees. These programs will be offered to local government employees beginning January 1, 2018. Because the effective date is in the 2017-19 biennium, the Department will not require additional resources in the current budget.

The bill also requires the local employers who participate in the plans to establish payroll deduction programs through which their employees must pay premiums for the optional insurance plans. The Department is unable to provide a fiscal estimate on the potential costs to local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Long-term needs may include 1.0 FTE employee to administer the optional insurance program, contracts, and ombudsman services for local governments who participate in the program.