

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 15-4205/1	Introduction Number SB-744	Estimate Type Original
Description Prohibiting payment of duty disability benefits to certain law enforcement officers		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill provides that under the WRS, a protective occupation participant whose principal duties involve active law enforcement may not receive a duty disability benefit if all of the following occur:

- 1)the participant was injured while performing his or her duty in violation of law or any policy or protocol established by his or her employer,
- 2)the violation of law or any policy or protocol established by his or her employer that resulted in a situation that required the use of force, and
- 3)at the time the participant was injured, an individual died or suffered serious bodily harm as a result of the actions of the participant.

These changes will require ETF to make administrative changes, including modification of forms and procedures. Claims subject to these provisions will most likely require increased staff time, communicating with employers and claimants on the status of the claim and investigation. It is also assumed that there may be an increase in the number of appeals as a result of this bill. The Department will be able to absorb these costs through its operational budget.

Only administrative costs associated with this bill are included in this estimate. An estimate of the financial effect on the Duty Disability program and its benefits needs to be provided by the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications