

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number 19-3228/1	Introduction Number SB-266	Estimate Type Original
Description requiring political subdivisions and Marquette University to pay health insurance premiums for survivors of a law enforcement officer who dies in the line of duty and making an appropriation		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 266 requires a political subdivision and Marquette University to pay health insurance premiums for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a law enforcement officer who dies in the line of duty if the entity had paid such premiums while the individual was employed.

Entities that pay such premiums must file for reimbursement of costs with the Commission. Thus, there is no local government cost. SB 266 creates a sum sufficient appropriation, Wis. Stat. 20.155(3)(u), which is funded by the police and fire protection fee, to make the reimbursements from. The police and fire protection fee is currently collected by communication providers and prepaid wireless retailers from their customers and remitted to the Department of Revenue.

The Commission may contract with the Department of Revenue to administer the reimbursement process. The administrative costs would be funded by Wis. Stat. 20.155(3)(t), an existing Commission appropriation for police and fire protection fee administration. The Commission believes that it may be possible to absorb both the administrative costs and tasks with existing agency resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications