

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-0197/1	Introduction Number AB-0376
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Description
 a statewide urban search and rescue task force, regional emergency response teams, and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others 0 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.465(3)dr, 20.465(3)(jt)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DMA 6/15/2021

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Description a statewide urban search and rescue task force, regional emergency response teams, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill changes current law related to a regional structural collapse team and changes the team's designation from being a structural collapse team to an urban search and rescue task force, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association and Emergency Management Accreditation program standards. Under current law, when a regional structural collapse team responds to an incident, the team must make a good faith effort to identify the party who is responsible for the structural collapse and provide that information to the Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management to seek reimbursement from that party. Any reimbursement to a regional structural collapse team is limited to the amounts collected by the Division of Emergency Management. Under the bill, this limitation on reimbursement is removed, and DMA must reimburse within 60 days local agencies that provided services as part of an urban search and rescue task force if agencies apply for reimbursement within 45 days of the conclusion of the task force's deployment. DMA may seek reimbursement for those services from any responsible party. The bill also allows DMA to reimburse a local agency for any increase in contributions for duty disability premiums because an employee incurred an injury while performing duties as a member of an urban search and rescue task force.

In the past 10 years, the structural collapse team was deployed twice as a full task force, and the water rescue subcomponent of the task force was also mobilized on two occasions. The differences in cost is dependent on the number of personnel deployed, the length of the deployment, the equipment deployed and travel distance to the incident. The agency cannot accurately estimate the impact of this bill since it is unknown how many deployments, trainings or readiness exercises are needed. Additionally, the agency is unable to accurately determine the potential fiscal impact of reimbursing local agencies for increased contributions to the State of Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund (s. 40.03(5) Wis. Stats.).

The bill allows the Urban Search and Rescue Team to achieve a Type 1 Task Force designation which would increase the current personnel from 120 to 240 people. Historically, all funding for the equipment, training and exercises for the structural collapse team has been received through federal Homeland Security Grant funds. Annually, the structural collapse team used about \$750,000 to meet their needs; however, the next grant eligibility period is in 2023 from this grant. The bill, while providing an appropriation, does not provide any funding to cover the training and equipment costs of the urban search and rescue team. This bill will increase the needs for equipment, training and exercises to maintain the qualifications of a Type 1 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force designation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Personnel to manage the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force will be needed to ensure required training of all personnel, planning and executing operational readiness exercises, federal grant administration, inventory management, maintenance of equipment and vehicles, adequate record-keeping (training, financial, medical/physical, emergency contact records, etc.), make purchases, provide customer service to local entities who supply personnel, and communicate and prepare invoices to responsible parties

The agency may need to submit a request under s. 13.10 Wis. Stats. for expenses incurred for one of the following where sufficient cash does not exist in 20.465(3)(hm):

- on a deployment if a responsible party is not identified,
- if sufficient response costs are not collected into 20.465(3)(hm) to cover reimbursements to local agencies for any increase in contributions for duty disability premiums, or
- to reimburse local agencies for an urban search and rescue task force response.