

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-5421/1	Introduction Number AB-0833	
Description grants to support part-time law enforcement officers		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.455 (2)(m) and 20.455 (2)(n)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Justice to administer a new grant program funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Under the bill, the department must reimburse law enforcement agencies employing fewer than 25 officers an amount up to half of the cost for qualifying supplies and medical testing of part-time law enforcement officers. The bill defines qualifying supplies as equipment worn by law enforcement officers required to perform the duties of an officer, including a ballistic-resistant vest, duty belt and related equipment, firearms and ammunition, uniform, jacket, taser, baton, magazines, flashlight, go bag, traffic vest, Kevlar helmet, gas mask, handheld radio and boots. The definition of medical testing includes a physical exam, hearing test and pre-employment psychological exam required for employment as a law enforcement officer. The program sunsets December 31, 2024.

There are 425 law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin that employ fewer than 25 officers. In total, these agencies employ 534 part-time law enforcement officers. It is reasonable to assume that the number of part-time officers employed by these agencies will increase with the availability of reimbursement for a portion of costs of equipping and medically testing new hires. The department estimates the cost of qualifying supplies at \$10,000 per officer and medical testing at \$700 per officer. The cost for reimbursing half of the estimated cost for the existing 534 eligible officers will be \$2,856,900, which increases to \$2,942,500 for 550 officers and to \$3,210,000 for 600 officers. The worksheet includes the estimated cost of reimbursing half of the qualifying supplies and medical testing cost for 550 officers.

The administration of this new grant program will require the department to establish a new application and reimbursement process including the creation and publication of policies, forms and guidance, provision of assistance to applicants, the review and validation of supporting documentation, issuance of payments, and ongoing reporting, recordkeeping and auditing of federal grant funds. The department estimates the additional ongoing workload associated with this grant program will require 0.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) grants specialist-advanced position and 0.25 FTE program and policy-analyst position which exceeds what can be absorbed with existing resources. Currently, the costs of positions assigned to administer grant programs in the department are charged back to the grants based on the work effort of the employees. The additional time required to administer this program cannot be charged back to existing federal or state grant programs as the duties are not allowable activities on those state and federal grant programs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$46,400	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.5 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	10,000	
Local Assistance	2,942,500	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$2,998,900	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED	2,998,900	
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		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$2,998,900	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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