

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 21-4891/1	Introduction Number SB-680
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Description
 changing the conditions of liability for worker's compensation benefits for emergency medical services practitioners

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
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Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.445(1)(ra)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill proposes to add the following job categories: paid (not volunteer) emergency medical responders and paid emergency medical services practitioners; to the job categories of law enforcement officer and fire fighter that under current law, and under certain conditions, may bring a claim for worker's compensation benefits for a work-related diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Per current law, the above job categories would be restricted to claiming compensation for a PTSD diagnosis to three times in a lifetime.

This bill increases the potential number of employees that may bring a claim for worker's compensation benefits related to PTSD, potentially increasing the annual number of worker's compensation claims and hearings. An increase in claims and hearings would have a benefits and operational fiscal impact to the department and would have a fiscal impact to governmental entities, such as municipalities and other state agencies, that provide worker's compensation coverage to individuals in the proposed expanded job categories.

However, the Department is unable to reliably estimate the number of increased claims and hearings due to this expanded coverage; therefore, the fiscal impact of SB 680 to the Department and local government units is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications