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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 376

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Amendment 1**

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Current law requires a “regional structural collapse team” contracted with the Department of Military Affairs’ Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to respond to a structural collapse incident that meets criteria established by DEM. When a regional structural collapse team responds to an incident, DEM may reimburse the team for the amount that DEM collects from the responsible party. DEM contracts with local agencies¹ to establish regional structural collapse teams.

Very generally, 2021 Assembly Bill 376 changes the structural collapse response teams to urban search and rescue task forces and broadens the scope of emergencies to which they may respond. The bill also requires DEM to reimburse a local agency for certain increases in duty disability premiums and changes the reimbursement process to require DEM to reimburse the local agency, if the agency applies for reimbursement within 45 days of the conclusion of its deployment. As under current law, the bill requires a person responsible for such a deployment to reimburse DEM for the cost of the deployment, but the bill creates an appropriation that may be used to reimburse the local agency if DEM is not fully reimbursed.

The bill creates appropriations for an urban search and rescue task force and urban search and rescue task force supplement, with figures for both set at zero.

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Assembly Amendment 1 removes the appropriation provisions in the bill. Both provisions were created in 2021 Wisconsin Act 58, the biennial budget act.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Loudenberg offered Assembly Amendment 1 on July 20, 2021. On September 15, 2021, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment and approval of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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¹ A local agency is an agency of a county, city, village, or town, such as a municipal police or fire department. [s. 323.70 (1)(b), Stats.]