

## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>25-0062/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-0168</b>	
<b>Description</b> changing the conditions of liability for worker's compensation benefits for emergency medical responders, emergency medical services practitioners, volunteer firefighters, correctional officers, emergency dispatchers, coroners and coroner staff, and medical examiners and medical examiner staff		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.445(1)(ra)		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, fire fighters and law enforcement officers can file a worker's compensation claim for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) under conditions specified at s. 102.17 (9). This bill proposes to allow volunteer fire fighters, emergency medical responders, emergency services practitioners, correctional officers, public safety answering point dispatchers, coroners, medical examiners, and medicolegal investigation staff members to file a worker's compensation claim for PTSD under the conditions at s. 102.17 (9). These job categories would also be subject to the current law provision at s. 102.17 (9) (c) which limits claims for a PTSD diagnosis to a maximum of three times in a lifetime.

This bill may result in an increase to the number of employees bringing a claim for worker's compensation benefits related to PTSD, but given the department's historical claims data reflects only those employees that met the current law criteria for demonstrating a PTSD diagnosis, it is not a data set that supports development of a reliable estimate for future PTSD claims under the bill's new conditions.

Local governmental entities provide worker's compensation coverage to individuals in the proposed expanded job categories, and it is possible that, under the proposed change, local governments could experience an increase in claims. However, the precise fiscal impact to local units of government is indeterminate, at this time.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications