

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
WTCS 11/8/2005

LRB Number	05-2646/2	Introduction Number	SB-414	Estimate Type	Original
Description Fee remission for children and surviving spouses of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters, and law enforcement officers					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 414 expands the existing eligibility established in s. 38.24(5), which provides full remission of WTCS fees for surviving spouses and children of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters and law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

SB 414 extends remission to surviving spouses and children of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters and law enforcement officers who are participants in one of three specified retirement systems, who qualified for duty disability benefits and who later died from the qualifying disability.

In only one of the last three years did WTCS colleges grant full fee remission under the existing provisions of s. 38.24(5), at a total cost of \$5,900 for three remissions granted in 2003-04. The WTCS already applies s. 38.24(5) fee remissions to situations where one of the specified employees later dies from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Therefore, based on the history of limited requests for remissions and that the WTCS already allows for remissions based on injuries that later result in death, it appears unlikely that the statutory changes included in SB 414 would significantly increase the remissions provided by the WTCS.

The remissions are funded under s.20.292(1)(am), with a total appropriation of \$14,300. Based on the remission costs over the last three years, an additional four remissions annually could be provided under the existing appropriation without seeking additional state funding. Section 38.24(5) requires that, if in any fiscal year the existing remission appropriation is not adequate, the Joint Finance Committee shall be notified. Therefore, based on the available appropriation and provisions for notifying the Joint Finance Committee, SB 414 does not appear to create any fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

While SB 414 is not anticipated to create any immediate increase in demand for remission beyond the existing appropriation capacity, it is important to note additional long-term fiscal effects could result from natural disasters or terrorist attacks. It is not possible to estimate the possible anticipated demand or the timeframe of the demand.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 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): -0-			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	0	
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)	(0.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	0	0	
Local Assistance	0	0	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0	0	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	\$0	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
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	\$0	\$0	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0	\$0	
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