

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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LRB Number 13-4335/1	Introduction Number AB-0854
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Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<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
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 854 requires that the Audit Bureau conduct a program evaluation audit of the duty disability and survivor benefits program under s. 40.65, Wis. Stats., and any comparable program under a retirement system of a county having a population of 500,000 or more and a retirement system of a 1st class city. Specifically, Assembly Bill 854 requires the audit to examine the following:

- The history and purpose of the programs.
- The costs and benefits of the programs to state and local governments.
- Any inequities, abuse, or other problems of the programs.
- Similarities and differences between the programs and those of similar programs in other states.

To fulfill existing statutory requirements, the Audit Bureau currently conducts an annual financial audit of the Department of Employee Trust Funds, which includes the Wisconsin Retirement System and its fiduciary funds such as the Duty Disability Insurance program. However, because the Audit Bureau does not currently audit the retirement systems of the local units of government specified for comparison under the bill's provisions, the cost of completing the audit requirements of Assembly Bill 854 cannot be determined. In addition, it is likely that conducting this audit would reduce the flexibility of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to direct the Bureau to complete other audits and evaluations.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications