

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **19-1245/1**      Introduction Number **SB-005**

**Description**  
classifying county jailers as protective occupation participants under the Wisconsin Retirement System and the treatment of county jailers under the Municipal Employment Relations Act

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect

Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget

Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues       Yes       No

Create New Appropriations       Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs

Indeterminate

1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue      5. Types of Local Government Units Affected

Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory       Towns       Village       Cities

2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue       Counties       Others

Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory       School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under the bill, county jailers who become protective occupation participants and are employed by a county that did not classify county jailers as protective occupation on July 1, 2018, would be required to pay all employer costs resulting from their classification as protective occupation participants, including duty disability. County jailers who were classified as protective occupation participants before the bill's effective date and county jailers hired on or after the bill's effective date in counties that did classify county jailers as protective occupation participants on July 1, 2018, would not be required to pay the additional employer costs. The bill also permits a county jailer to elect at the time of hire not to become a protective occupation participant.

This bill also amends the Municipal Employment Relations Act (MERA) so that a county that treats a county jailer as a public safety employee on the effective date of the bill shall continue to treat any person it employs as a county jailer as a public safety employee except that, if the county raises a question regarding the appropriateness of including county jailers in a collective bargaining unit containing public safety employees, no county jailer may be treated as a public safety employee.

As such, the additional employer costs that may result from the hiring of county jailers, on or after the bill's effective date, that will voluntarily elect to be protective occupation participants, from a county that previously (July 1, 2018) did classify county jailers as protective occupation participants, cannot be determined. In addition, the Department of Administration does not have access to data associated with the costs for protective occupation participant county jailers, nor to quantify the county jailers statewide with protective class status.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**