

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-4727/1	Introduction Number	AB-0668	Estimate Type	Original
Description law enforcement officer suicide prevention and reporting and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ), in consultation with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Center for Suicide Awareness, to establish a training curriculum designed to prevent suicide by law enforcement officers. The bill also requires DOJ to collect data about law enforcement officer suicide and publish an annual report on officer suicide on DOJ's website.

The bill would authorize DOJ to provide an annual \$250,000 GPR grant to the Center for Suicide Awareness for the law enforcement officer suicide prevention training. Per the bill, the training must include the causes, behaviors, warning signs, and risk factors associated with law enforcement officer suicide. The training must also identify intervention strategies that can be used by law enforcement agencies to prevent law enforcement officer suicide, provide information on programs offering crisis intervention and counseling services to law enforcement officers, and the program must be made available to each law enforcement agency in the state as part of ongoing officer training.

The bill requires all persons in charge of law enforcement agencies to supply to DOJ data on law enforcement officer suicide within their agency, using instructions provided by DOJ. DOJ would also be able to audit the reports provided by law enforcement agencies and will share the data through the DOJ Internet site for use in suicide prevention and intervention studies. The proposed statutory language would not impact local human services departments.

DHS would be able to meet its obligations under the bill with existing staffing and resources. This bill would not have a fiscal effect for DHS or local human services departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications