

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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SENATE, No. 4201

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 13, 2022

SUMMARY

Synopsis:	Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP.
Type of Impact:	Annual expenditure increase for the State and local governments.
Agencies Affected:	Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Health Benefits Program; local governments.

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Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Local Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in annual costs for health care benefits provided by the State and local governments as public employers. The bill would impact the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and, therefore, would result in expenditure increases for the State and local governments that participate in the SHBP.
- The additional cost for the coverage required by this bill would depend on the specifics of each plan or program, the plan or program selected by each firefighter, the type of coverage (e.g. single, member/spouse, family), the annual premium, and the amount of contribution made by each firefighter as a public employee toward that cost.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill mandates access to cancer screenings for full-time paid firefighters in this State enrolled in the State Health Benefits Program. The bill includes screening examinations for colon, lung, bladder, oral, thyroid, skin, blood, breast, cervical, testicular, and prostate cancers. The first screening will take place within the first three years of employment and a firefighter is then entitled

to a screening every three years thereafter. The bill also provides that employment as a full-time paid employee of a fire department or unit of this State or a political subdivision of this State will be a pre-existing condition and the effective date is January 1, 2023.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).