

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/28/2005

Amendment to: HB 1120

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
General Fund	Other Funds		General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE

2005 LEGISLATION

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL DESCRIPTION: Scholarships; Definitions

BILL NO: Engrossed HB 1120

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The engrossed bill increases the maximum amount of scholarships from \$3,000 per year to \$4,000 per year for up to five years for spouses and dependent children of a worker who died as a result of a compensable work-related injury; establishes the amount of scholarships issued in exceptional circumstances at \$10,000 per year for up to 5 years; increases the maximum amount of scholarships that can be awarded annually from \$150,000 to \$300,000; redefines the definition of child under workers' compensation law; redefines average weekly wage as wages received from all employments in which coverage was required or otherwise secured; changes the basis for determining the average weekly wage of a self employed employer from 1 year to an average of 3 years; clarifies the ability of healthcare personnel to communicate directly with employers on claims of their employees; and allows WSI to share social security numbers with medical facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: The engrossed bill will allow for a potential increase in annual scholarships awarded from \$150,000 to \$300,000. These increases will be reflected in future premium levels but should not have a material impact. It is anticipated that the remaining items within the amended bill will not have a material impact.

DATE: January 31, 2005

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*
- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
 - B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*
 - C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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