

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/19/2015**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2256

- 1 A. **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.*

|                | 2013-2015 Biennium |             | 2015-2017 Biennium |             | 2017-2019 Biennium |             |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| Revenues       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| Expenditures   |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| Appropriations |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |

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

|                  | 2013-2015 Biennium | 2015-2017 Biennium | 2017-2019 Biennium |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties         |                    |                    |                    |
| Cities           |                    |                    |                    |
| School Districts |                    |                    |                    |
| Townships        |                    |                    |                    |

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

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- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

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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, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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**WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE**  
**2015 LEGISLATION**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION**

**BILL NO: SB 2256**

**BILL DESCRIPTION: PTSD Coverage**

**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION:** Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuarial firm, Bickerstaff, Whatley, Ryan & Burkhalter Consulting Actuaries, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The proposed bill provides benefits for posttraumatic stress disorder sustained by first responders, including full-time paid firefighters, full-time paid law enforcement officers, and full-time paid emergency medical services personnel; requires the condition causing the posttraumatic stress disorder to be extraordinary and unusual when compared to the normal conditions of the particular employment; limits disability benefits to no more than twenty-six weeks; and limits all other benefits to \$15,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not quantifiable. We don't anticipate that the proposed legislation will have a material impact on statewide premium rate levels; however, rates for the specific first responder classifications may increase over time as a result of the expanded coverage. To what extent is unclear as we don't have access to an appropriate base of historical experience to use in deriving the estimates.

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