

HB 59 – First Responder Mental Health

Amendments (Rep Eliason)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact for the State Health Plan:

\$6,000 annually for State Risk Pool

Summary

It is estimated that there would be fifty visits per month through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) from both active and retired state employees and spouses that are first responders. This bill would increase the people that could use those visits to spouses of first responders, and also extend those visits for an indefinite period of time. It is estimated that about 20% of the visits through the EAP are for spouses, and that retirees make up about 50% of the total. Based on $50 \text{ visits/month} \times .2 \times .5 = 5$ additional visits/month or 60 visits/year for retiree spouse first responders to the EAP program. Currently, the state pays about \$100/visit. It is estimated, assuming this bill is applicable to the state, that the state would pay an additional \$6,000/year in EAP expenses.