

HF1042 - 1UE - Force Investigations Unit Authority Modified

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	231	231	231	231	231
Total	-	231	231	231	231	231
Biennial Total			462			462

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	1	1	1	1
Total	-	1	1	1	1

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	231	231	231	231	231
Total		-	231	231	231	231
Biennial Total				462		462
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund	-	231	231	231	231	231
Total		-	231	231	231	231
Biennial Total				462		462
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

The bill modifies the duties and investigative jurisdiction of the Use of Force Investigations Unit (FIU) of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) of the Department of Public Safety. The bill amends Minn. Stat. 299C.80, subd. 3, to provide that the Force Investigations Unit shall investigate criminal sexual conduct occurring in Minnesota that involves any members of the United States armed forces (not merely the Minnesota National Guard) and the alleged assault occurs at a military installation, armory, air base, or facility owned or controlled by the state (of Minnesota) for military purposes. Provides that the FIU shall conduct investigations regardless of the state of residence or assigned unit of the alleged victim if the alleged assault occurs (at a military installation) in Minnesota. Provides that the FIU shall assist with any investigation of a sexual assault of a member of the armed forces (not merely a member of the Minnesota National Guard) by any other member of the armed forces (not merely another member of the Minnesota National Guard) that might occur (at a military installation) in Minnesota.

Assumptions

The Force Investigations Unit of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will investigate all alleged or reported sexual assaults occurring in Minnesota at a military installation (base, armory, etc.) that involve members of the United States armed forces.

In 2020 and 2021, the BCA submitted fiscal notes related to the investigation of sexual assaults involving law enforcement and the investigation of sexual assaults involving the Minnesota National Guard, respectively. The BCA estimated it would need a total of 3 full-time FTEs. The BCA received 1 FTE in FY 2021 and 1 FTE in FY 2022 related to these previous fiscal notes. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the BCA averaged 33 sexual assault investigations involving the Minnesota National Guard and law enforcement. The BCA has determined it takes, on average, 150 hours to lead an investigation into criminal sexual conduct for a total of approximately 4,950 hours per year. This equates to approximately 2.5 FTEs.

After speaking with the different branches of the United States armed forces and Minnesota law enforcement, there is no single point of data that records the number of sexual assault investigations that were reported/investigated across Minnesota. In some instances, the military investigated the sexual assault, in some instances local or county law enforcement investigated the sexual assault, and in the majority, the BCA investigated the sexual assault.

In addition to numerous armories, Minnesota regularly hosts United States armed forces personnel from inside/outside Minnesota at the Air National Guard base at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, Camp Ripley Military Reservation and numerous other military buildings and training facilities across Minnesota.

Given the above information, the BCA estimates it would need one additional special agent to handle the investigations

required by this bill.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Ancillary costs for vehicles, radios, phones, space, equipment, training, and computers/software are calculated at \$37,000 per year for sworn personnel.

1 FTE Special Agent at \$194,165 per year for salary and fringe plus \$37,000 per year for ancillary costs = \$231,165 beginning in FY 2026 ongoing.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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