

SB 25-015: WILDFIRE INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects introduced bill, which was requested by the Wildfire Matters

Review Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Department of Public Safety to coordinate with counties to include links to county-level emergency information and wildfire updates on its Wildfire Information and Resource Center website.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas through on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in State Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Division of Fire Prevention and Control within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is required to post certain information on its Wildfire Information and Resource Center website, including current wildfire statuses, burning restrictions, and prescribed burn activities. The bill requires the website to include links to emergency information and wildfire updates for each county. The division must coordinate with county governments to gather the necessary information.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload in the DPS to coordinate with county governments and post the new information on the Division of Fire Prevention and Control's website. This increase is assumed to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Counties will have a minimal workload impact to coordinate information-sharing with the DPS.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Departmental Difference

The Department of Public Safety estimates that the bill requires \$52,614 and 0.5 FTE to implement. This cost estimate represents 0.5 FTE Marketing and Communications Specialist to coordinate with county governments and make improvements to the division's website while posting the new information. The fiscal note differs from this estimate by assuming that posting the information required by the bill will be a minimal workload increase and that any additional work on the website is not required by the bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Public Safety

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the General Assembly website.