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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/29/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 0209 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

HB 209 amends the Health Care Purchasing Act to include language stating a firefighter covered by group health insurance, including self-insurance, offered, issued, amended, delivered or renewed under the Health Care Purchasing Act shall be entitled to receive preventive cancer screening in accordance with the latest screening guidelines issued by the international association of firefighters.

A firefighter is defined as any member of a fire department that is part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision of the state

Effective May 20th, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMPSIA offers health and risk insurance coverage only to Public Schools Employees and their eligible dependents. While we acknowledge that there could be firefighters covered under NMPSIA as a dependent, NMPSIA, the schools, our TPA and our carriers do not collect dependent occupation data. Our plan design also does not account for occupation related services. If NMPSIA needed to implement this kind of occupation related coverage, this would require time to research to ensure complete understanding if the IAFF guidelines and the carrier benefit adjudication limits before a financial impact can be quantified.

Some cancer screenings referenced by the bill are already covered at 100% as preventive services under U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill could present administrative challenges related to identifying eligible firefighters and monitoring future updates to IAFF guidelines. In addition, the definition of firefighter is broader and seems to incorporate those in the fire department, thus could complicate tracking of these members.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

When a Plan builds the configuration set, it takes place on a group level. Typically, the use of subgroup levels comes at additional fees to compensate for the increasingly complex billing, reporting and enrollment costs. Our current carrier systems lack the sophistication to assign

unique member benefits to a defined subgroup of firefighters.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS