

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
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LRB Number 05-2540/1	Introduction Number AB-383
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Subject
 Requiring state agencies to perform background checks for employment of certain positions in state service

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires state agencies to conduct a criminal background check before offering employment to any individual whose duties will involve access to funds administered by that agency.

Government entities may request an online criminal background check through the Department of Justice's Crime Information Bureau for \$5 per search (a paper copy is \$10). The database is limited to Wisconsin cases; if a state agency wishes to conduct background checks through other states, additional fees could apply.

The bill covers only positions "the duties of which include access to funds administered by an agency." The impact on agencies will depend on how this undefined phrase is interpreted. Positions that could be covered by this bill include those in the following functional areas: accounting, auditing, financial management, accounts receivable, accounts payable, procurement, retail operations, tax and fee collections, payroll and handling of cash and checks. OSER does not have data that shows how many positions in these program areas actually have "access to funds." Therefore, the cost on an individual agency or all agencies is indeterminate.

In addition to the actual cost of obtaining the criminal backgrounds, the bill will cause some workload increase for agency human resources staff to obtain the background checks and analyze and discuss them with supervisors. It is not possible to estimate this workload increase.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications