

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-0025/1	Introduction Number AB-539
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Subject
 Elder adults at risk and adults at risk

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

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

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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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 makes several changes to Wisconsin's elder abuse law. The bill revises terminology, elder abuse reporting provisions, investigation provisions, and confidentiality of elder abuse reports and records.

The bill provides that a county elder abuse agency may refer elder abuse cases to the Department or another county if circumstances prevent the agency from conducting an unbiased investigation. The Department currently investigates complaints of caregiver misconduct in providers it regulates. It is possible that the number of investigations could increase due to the new provision regarding referral of investigations. However, it is not possible to estimate the additional investigations that may result. Therefore, the fiscal effect to the Department is indeterminate.

The remaining provisions of the bill are assumed to have no fiscal effect on DHFS.

The Department assumes this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the counties. Since the 1970s, chapter 55 has required each county to have responsibility for implementation of the local protective services system. The protective services system is designed to protect people from the treatment or circumstances defined as abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property. In order to be eligible for any kind of protective services or placement under chapter 55, whether voluntary or involuntary, a person must fall into one of the following categorical groups: people with developmental disabilities, people with infirmities of aging, people with chronic mental illness, and people with other like incapacities. This bill would strengthen and streamline the current system to allow counties additional statutory authority to protect individuals in need of protective services from exploitation, abuse and degrading treatment. This bill does not expand the population that is covered under current law and, therefore, there should be no increase in caseload due to these statutory changes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications