

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
SPD 1/17/2007

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| LRB Number 07-0652/1 | Introduction Number AB-0011 | Estimate Type Original |
| Description Disclosure of social security numbers by persons who purchase goods from sellers of goods at retail and providing a penalty | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) is statutorily authorized and required to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings. The SPD plays a major role in ensuring that the Wisconsin justice system complies with the right to counsel provided by both the state and federal constitutions. Any legislation that creates a new criminal offense or expands the definition of an existing criminal offense has the potential to increase SPD costs.

Although this bill does provide for a new criminal offense, the offense carries a monetary penalty only. There is no potential for incarceration for a violation of the proposed new offense. As a matter of constitutional and statutory interpretation, the SPD does not appoint attorneys in criminal cases in which the only authorized penalty is a monetary fine. Therefore, the SPD does not anticipate any increase in its caseload as a result of this proposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications