

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Attempts to influence certain governmental entities by former state officers and employees and attempts to influence state procurement decisions		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law prohibits most former state public officials from performing the following activities for compensation: within 12 months following the date of termination of employment and on behalf of a non-governmental agency, make an appearance before or negotiate with an officer of the person's former employer; within 12 months following termination of employment and on behalf of a non-governmental agency, make an appearance or negotiate with an officer of the person's former employer in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding associated with the person's former position; or, act on behalf of any party other than the state in connection with any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding associated with the person's former position. This bill adds "proposed procurement" to the matters that a former state public official is prohibited from attempting to influence for compensation. The bill also requires registration and reporting of semiannual reports with the Government Accountability Board by any principal that engages a lobbyist to attempt to influence the specifications for the award of any state procurement contract.

Prosecutors see this bill as one which modestly expands prohibited conduct and, for prosecutorial units outside of Dane County, do not anticipate much of a fiscal impact on their offices. The Dane County District Attorney (DA), however, stated that it is difficult to project a fiscal estimate for this bill because we do not know the number of cases which might be reported, how many employees leaving State service register as lobbyists, and what sort of difficulty there would be providing proof in these cases. In addition, it is uncertain how referrals will come to the attention of law enforcement or the DA's office. Due to the uncertainties stated above, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As explained above, a long-range fiscal estimate is indeterminate.