

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-2007/1	Introduction Number	SB-093	Estimate Type	Original
Description Going armed with weapons, possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances, disorderly conduct limitations, and electric weapons					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill eliminates the prohibitions against going armed with or possessing a firearm in a public building but adds general prohibitions against carrying weapons into a police station, sheriff's office, or state patrol station, a prison, jail, house of correction, or a secured correctional facility.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) operates seven facilities throughout the state: two mental health institutes (Mendota and Winnebago), one prison (Wisconsin Resource Center), one secure treatment center (Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center), and three centers for people with developmental disabilities (Northern, Central, and Southern).

Under this bill, state law would permit individuals to enter most DHS buildings with a weapon. The bill would provide an exemption for the Wisconsin Resource Center as it is a prison and currently administers electronic screening for weapons or contraband when visitors enter the facility. Secure lockers are provided at the entrance for visitors to store weapons or contraband if needed.

In addition, the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC), a locked treatment facility for sexually violent persons, also screens visitors for weapons and contraband. Visitors are provided a secure locker to store weapons or contraband if needed. Under this bill, SRSTC would be able to continue this practice.

In addition, this bill removes s. 941.23, 941.235, 941.237, and 941.295 from the statutes relating to the release of information when a juvenile escapes or is absent. These changes will result in no costs to DHS.

DHS is unable to estimate the local costs, if any, for county and municipal governments related to this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications