Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-4583/1	Introduction Number	AB-0981	
Description Eliminating monetary bail as a condition of release in	criminal proceedings		
Fiscal Effect			
State: No State Fiscal Effect Indeterminate Increase Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Appropriations Appropriations Create New Appropriations	s Increase Costs - Existing within agency's b	oudget	to absorb
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease I	Mandatory Towns	Village Others	Cities
Fund Sources Affected GPR FED PRO PRS S	Affected Ch. 20 A	\ppropriations	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a defendant who has been arrested for a criminal offense or who has been convicted of a crime and is awaiting sentencing, may be released with monetary bail. Under this bill, a court is required to release a defendant before trial unless it finds that there is a substantial risk in doing so.

Prosecutors believe that this bill, should it be enacted, will increase their workload. They expect that many will be rearrested in a matter of days only to go through the judicial system again. This requires resources, and will take those resources away from other cases. It is uncertain how many defendants will re-offend after being released by the court; so, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors anticipate an increase in their workload and a long-term fiscal impact should this bill be enacted. Due to the uncertainty of how many defendants will re-offend, a fiscal estimate in indeterminate.