

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 9/25/2017

LRB Number	17-0708/1	Introduction Number	SB-378	Estimate Type	Original
Description the transfer of juvenile correctional services from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Children and Families and granting rule-making authority					

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 and certain commitment proceedings. The SPD plays a critical role in ensuring that the Wisconsin justice system complies with the right to counsel provided by both the state and federal constitutions. Any legislation has the potential to increase SPD costs if it creates a new criminal offense, expands the definition of an existing criminal offense, or increases the penalties for an existing offense.

This bill transfers from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) the administration of all juvenile correctional services currently administered by DOC. Under current law, DCF administers community-based juvenile delinquency-related services other than juvenile correctional services that are provided for certain juveniles being held in a juvenile detention facility or who has been adjudged delinquent, placed under the supervision of DOC, and placed in a juvenile correctional facility, in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program, or on aftercare supervision administered by DOC.

The bill is unlikely to have a fiscal impact for the SPD.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications