

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 2/14/2020

LRB Number 19-4999/1	Introduction Number AB-0744	Estimate Type Original
Description throwing or expelling a bodily substance at a public safety worker or prosecutor		

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 allows a court to order testing for communicable diseases for any criminal defendant who throws or expels blood, semen, vomit, saliva, urine, feces, or other bodily substance at or towards a public safety worker or a prosecutor.

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

Long-Range Fiscal Implications