

X ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

Subject
Authorizing the Department of Corrections to contract with private persons for the confinement of WI inmates

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

X GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

s.20.550 (1)(d)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would authorize the Department of Corrections to contract with private persons for the confinement of Wisconsin prison inmates in private prisons in Wisconsin. Enactment of this bill could possibly have the following fiscal effect on the State Public Defender's Office (SPD):

Depending upon the location and number of such private prisons in Wisconsin, it is possible that attorneys (both staff and private bar) could spend more time traveling to the various prisons throughout the state to see SPD clients. That is, the more institutions that exist, the more dispersed SPD clients (primarily appellate clients) would be, possibly resulting in more time spent on travel. Increased travel time for staff attorneys could mean less time available to spend on cases. Increased travel time for private bar attorneys could mean more money paid to the private bar attorneys for travel costs. (Private bar attorneys are reimbursed for travel at the rate of \$25 per hour if the attorney has to travel outside of his or her county or more than 30 miles away from his or her office.)

Without knowing the number of such private prisons or their locations or the number of SPD clients that will be detained in such prisons, it is not possible to estimate the increased travel costs that could result from enactment of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Possible increased travel costs, depending upon the number and locations of private prisons.

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