

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

LRB # -1651/2

Introduction # Assembly Bill 194

Admin. Rule #

- ORIGINAL
- CORRECTED
- UPDATED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject

Background investigations of persons hired by school districts and charter schools

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
- Decrease Costs

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

Local: No local government costs

Indeterminable

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

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

SEG-S

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction must conduct a background investigation of each applicant for issuance or renewal of a license or permit issued by the state superintendent.

Under this bill, before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit issued by the state superintendent, a school district or charter school must request the state superintendent to conduct a background investigation of the person. The state superintendent must conduct the investigation and disclose the results to the school district or charter school that made the request. The bill also directs the state superintendent, before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit issued by the state superintendent to work at the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped (WSVH) or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD), to conduct a background investigation of the person. The bill also requires the state superintendent to disclose the results of the background investigations to the school district or charter school that requested it.

It is assumed that this bill would apply only to new hires after the bill becomes law. In this case, it is unknown how many individuals would be affected; therefore, the fiscal effect of the bill is indeterminable.

If the bill would apply to all employees of a public school, a charter school, WSD and WSVH who are currently employed and who are not required to be licensed by the state superintendent, the fiscal effect would be as follows: In 1997-98, Wisconsin public schools employed 29,000 full time equivalent (FTE) support staff positions who are not required to hold a license or permit issued by the state superintendent. \$145,000 would be required to conduct in-state background investigations of these employees. In addition, there are 203 positions at the WSD and WSVH affected by this bill. In-state background investigations for these employees would total \$1,015. The department estimates that approximately 30 percent of all employees will also be required to undergo an FBI criminal investigation at a cost of \$34 each. Therefore, these investigations will cost \$297,840 (29,200 X .30 X \$34). The total cost to implement the provisions of this bill, based on the above assumptions, is \$443,855 (\$145,000 + \$1,015 + 297,840). In addition, to process the anticipated increase in background investigations and to notify school districts and charter schools of the results of investigations, the department would need to hire a full-time educational specialist at an annual cost of \$42,000.

Because the bill does not specify who is responsible for paying for the criminal investigations, it is unknown who will be affected: the department of public instruction, the local school district, or the employee of the school district.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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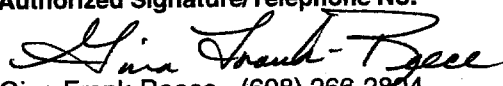
I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 42,000	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs Indeterminable		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	\$ 42,000	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
State Revenues Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT
STATE

LOCAL

NET CHANGE IN COSTS \$ Indeterminable \$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES \$ _____ \$ _____

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