

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATED
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
AB 302/LRB-2467/1

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject
Inquests into deaths caused by law enforcement officers

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

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
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
s.20.475(1)(d)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would increase the workload of district attorneys' office by mandating that a district attorney must call an inquest whenever he or she becomes aware of a death as a result of an act of a law enforcement officer. In Milwaukee, it is anticipated that this would result in an increase in inquests of up to six per year. Data on death by action of law enforcement and subsequent inquests is not available. Outside of Milwaukee, the number of new inquests is assumed to be randomly distributed among the 70 other DA offices. The frequency of cases when an inquest would not have resulted but now would is unknown, but assumed to be a very small positive number.

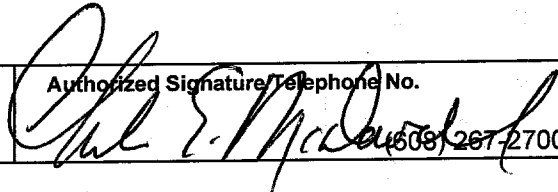
Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In a small county this may have a significant impact. However, the actual occurrence of such a situation is very rare, so permanent staff would not be needed. In Milwaukee this may ultimately lead to the need for additional prosecutorial staff.

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