

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # - 3464/1

INTRODUCTION # AB 532

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Court-Appointed Special Advocate Programs

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

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This bill shifts the authority for recognizing court appointed special advocate (CASA) programs from county boards, county departments, DHFS and licensed child welfare agencies to the chief judge of each judicial administrative district. It also codifies the responsibilities of CASA programs along with the procedures they must follow in selecting, training, supervising and evaluating volunteers. The bill expands the role of CASA programs, allowing courts to request their services in certain juvenile (JIPS) cases. In addition, the bill makes a CASA a mandatory reporter of child abuse or neglect and provides immunity from civil liability to CASA volunteers and employees.

DHFS is required by Wisconsin Statutes Section 46.48(28) to distribute a total of \$50,000 in grants to CASA programs each fiscal year. There are seven CASA programs in Wisconsin. All are administered by private agencies. The department decides which CASA programs receive grants and how the \$50,000 is apportioned among them. Three CASAs received grants in fiscal year 1999.

Despite any impact this bill may have on the number, role or operation of CASA programs, the department's fiscal responsibility for them will not change. Under 46.48(28), it would remain sum certain at \$50,000 per fiscal year. Therefore, the bill will have no fiscal effect on DHFS. There also will be no fiscal effect on local governments. While some counties provide funding for CASA programs, there is no state or federal mandate to do so.

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	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	\$	\$ -
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	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 0	\$ 0

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