

**FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM**

**1999 Session**

**LRB # 1999-4446/1**

- ORIGINAL
- CORRECTED
- UPDATED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

**Introduction # SB 357**

**Admin. Rule #**

**Subject**

Releasing information from the sex offender registry; achievement guarantee contracts; distribution of forest income payments

**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**

20.255 (cu)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:**

**1. Sex Offender Registry – Notification**

The bill requires a school district administrator, upon request of a parent, guardian or legal custodian of a child enrolled in the school district, to make a request for information regarding a person required to register as a sex offender. The administrator is to request the information from the police chief or sheriff of the community. The administrator must also respond to requests from parents, guardians or legal custodians of children enrolled in private schools in the district, and to requests from those intending to move into the district or to enroll children in private schools in the district.

State Fiscal Effect

The bill will have no fiscal effect on appropriations related to the department of public instruction.

Local Fiscal Effect

The bill may impose some costs on local school districts and private schools as administrators provide information upon request to any parent, guardian or legal custodian of any child in the school district or private school. The Department of Corrections reports there are over 11,000 offenders on the sex offender registry and estimates that there are 500 changes in offender status each week that would require notification under the provisions of the bill. The offender population is highly mobile and many of the current notifications are related to changes in residence or changes in job status.

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**Long-Range Fiscal Implications:**

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## 2. SAGE – Student Achievement Guarantee in Education

This bill makes the following changes to the current SAGE law:

- Repeals an eligibility requirement affecting “twice rejecters.” Current law requires that a school board, to be eligible to participate in the 2000-2001 school year, must have participated in the SAGE program in either the 1996-1997 or 1997-1998 school year if it was eligible to participate in those years.
- Permits DPI to renew an existing SAGE contract.
- Authorizes DPI to enter into new SAGE contracts after the 2000-01 school year if funding for those contracts is available.

Under the bill, if the department has the authority to renew the contracts for the original 30 contracts, then the \$9 million that would otherwise be freed up for reallocation will continue to have to be paid out to the original group - increasing state costs by a similar amount above what they would otherwise be.

If current law remained in effect, the 30 contracts for the original group of schools would expire at the end of 2000-01. The approximately \$9 million that is funding those schools could then be rolled over to fund the expansion of the “third wave schools” (those starting in the next school year).

## 3. Distribution of Forest Income Payments

Act 9 (the biennial budget bill) requires that all receipts from national forest land must be distributed to school districts in accordance with the number of acres located within the school district boundaries. This bill would restore prior law by requiring the distribution of receipts from national forest land to towns in accordance with the number of acres located within the town boundaries

**State Fiscal Effects:** None.

**Local Fiscal Effects:** In FY00, approximately \$1.8 million in federal receipts would be redistributed from school districts that have national forest land within their boundaries to towns that have national forest land within their boundaries.