

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
DOA-2048 N(R10/96)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
**SB 106**      (99-0175/3)  
 Amendment No. if Applicable

**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  
 Decrease Costs

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

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**

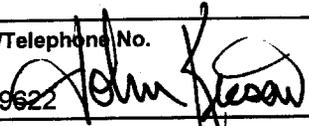
**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

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 at exactly \$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, they are under no mandate to do so.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R10/96)

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SB 106

Amendment No.

Subject

Court-Appointed Special Advocate Programs

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

**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 0	\$ 0

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