

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
SB 237/ LRB-3611/1

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Implementation of the Criminal Penalties Study Committee's Recommendation which were required by the Truth in Sentencing Act (1997 Wisconsin Act 283)

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

s.20.475(1)(d) >

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The fiscal analysis of this bill requires a comparison to the situation that would exist if this bill were not to pass and thus the sentencing changes incorporated into the provisions of 1997 Wisconsin Act 283 were implemented on December 31, 1999. The comparison is not between passing this bill and not implementing the "Truth in Sentencing" principles established in Act 283.

The general impact on district attorney office workload of this bill would be to reduce the number of jury trials otherwise anticipated when Act 283 takes effect on December 31, 1999. The cause for this result is that this bill would both rationalize the criminal code and sentencing structure in Wisconsin and reduce some of the harsher sentencing results of Act 283. Thus this bill would reduce the workload of district attorney offices in this state compared to what it would be if this bill were not enacted.

Please note that the implementation of Act 283 on December 31, 1999, even if the changes proposed in this bill are also enacted and implemented on that same date, is still expected to require a significant increase in both state and county resources allocated to district attorneys offices.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This is a highly significant and complex modification to the criminal justice process in Wisconsin. The actual workload and fiscal impacts on district attorneys offices may be different that those anticipated in this analysis. Thus close long-term monitoring of the bill's actual impact should be done to determine if additional prosecutorial resources are eventually needed beyond those additional resources that Truth in Sentencing are otherwise expected to require.

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