

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	01-1976/1	Introduction Number	AB-304	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Prostitution					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill broadens the scope of the present prostitution laws and provides for a deferred prosecution program for certain persons charged with prostitution if there is a treatment program available and the person has no record and has not been charged with a companion crime.

In 2000, there were an approximate 400 such charges brought in the circuit courts. Almost 85% of these charges were brought in the Milwaukee circuit courts. While this bill expands the scope of the prostitution laws it is expected that the increased workload would be absorbed with existing court personnel. With respect to the deferred prosecution program it is impossible to predict the number of persons that would be eligible. The provision that requires that the person not have a prior record or companion charge is expected to reduce the number of eligible people significantly.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications