

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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| LRB Number 01-4168/2 | Introduction Number SB-462 |
| Subject | |
| Biological or chemical substance scare; juvenile dispositions for such scare or for bomb scare involving school premises or for firearms in school zone | |
| Fiscal Effect | |
| State: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs | |
| Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts | |
| Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS | |
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits a person from intentionally threatening or conveying a threat to release or disseminate a toxic or poisonous chemical or a disease organism (harmful substance), knowing the threat to be false, if the threat induces a reasonable expectation of fear that a harmful substance will be released or disseminated (biological or chemical substance scare). A person who commits a biological or chemical substance scare may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than ten years or both.

The bill also permits a juvenile court to impose, in addition to any other disposition that the juvenile court may impose under current law, any of the following dispositions on a juvenile who has been found to have made a bomb scare or a biological or chemical substance scare involving a school premises or to have possessed or discharged a firearm in a school zone:

1. Participation in anger management counseling or any other counseling ordered by the juvenile court.
2. Participation for 100 hours in a supervised work program or the performance of 100 hours of community service work.
3. Restriction or suspension of the juvenile's driving license for two years, if the juvenile used a motor vehicle to facilitate the commission of the violation.

State fiscal effect:

This bill has no fiscal effect on the department of public instruction.

Local fiscal effect:

The provision that a person who commits a biological or chemical substance scare is guilty of a Class E felony may serve as a deterrent to future biological or chemical substance scares in public schools. The expanded dispositional options may also prevent bomb or biological or chemical substance scares. Costs to local districts related to bomb scares include salaries for school officials who must inspect buildings before affected facilities may be reopened, materials to repair vandalized areas of school buildings, and lost instructional time. The Janesville school district estimates that each of its recent bomb scares cost the district approximately \$2,000. Costs to other districts will vary, depending on the size of the buildings and the duration of evacuations affected by bomb scares.

It is unknown how many, if any, bomb, biological or chemical substance scares may be averted if this bill were to become law. Therefore, any cost savings to local districts is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications