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Wisconsin School for the Deaf					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

State Fiscal Effect:

This bill would expand the focus of the current Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) from a residential school facility to a statewide educational resource program for the benefit of all deaf and hearing impaired children in the state. The new resource program would be named the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESPDHH).

It is anticipated that the provisions of the bill would be addressed over a period of several years. Costs to the department would be dependent on the implementation timeline. However, it is assumed that the initial costs during the first biennium could be absorbed within the agency's budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Some costs will likely be incurred by the department beginning in the 2003-05 biennium in order to accomplish the establishment of services at regional sites throughout the state. At this time, we are unable to predict state or federal resources that may be available to the department to defray these costs. Therefore, the potential increase in costs to the department are indeterminate.