

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DWD 08/08/2001

LRB Number	01-2515/3	Introduction Number	SB-151	Estimate Type	Corrected
Subject					
Calculating child support					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Wisconsin currently uses a percentage of income standard for determining child support. SB 151 would create a new methodology to determine child support.

SB 151 also requires the Clerk of Court to provide, at no charge, to each person filing a petition requesting child support, a document setting forth the method of calculating child support under SB 151. That document is currently produced and made available to the Clerk of Court by the Department of Workforce Development.

SB 151 also requires the Department to promulgate rules related to the application of the new methodology and to prepare and make available to judges and other court personnel forms, tables, computer software, and instruction manuals or other publications to aid in the calculation of support under the bill. The bill also requires the Department to create an advisory committee every four years to review the adequacy of the method of setting support under SB 151. DWD would need to contract with a vendor for the production of this material. We estimate it would take two people two months to design software (one system analyst and one coder) and two months for a technical writer to write the documentation for the manuals. Assuming 1044 hours (six months) at a vendor rate of \$89.00 per hour, the one-time costs would be \$92,900. Additionally, mailing costs would be incurred. Assuming a 25 page stapled manual with a diskette, mailing charges would be \$1.25 per piece times an estimated 600 pieces, for a total one time cost of \$756.00.

Costs to local government are indeterminate. However, it is anticipated that county child support agencies will incur some increased costs training staff on the new guidelines. There may also be an increase in the number of people seeking services from the county child support agencies and this could result in a need for additional staff.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The method proposed in SB151 to determine child support has the potential to affect or change the amount of support paid by noncustodial parents. This may lead to an increase in public assistance caseloads and requests for services from county child support agencies. However, it is not possible to quantify the potential long-range fiscal impact at this time.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
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II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0 0	
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE) (0.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	0 0	
Local Assistance	0 0	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0 0	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0 \$0	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	0 0	
FED	0 0	
PRO/PRS (0)	0 0	
SEG/SEG-S (0)	0 0	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)		
	Increased Rev Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$ \$	
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ \$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$0
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