

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 1/14/02

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Subject					
Anti-terrorism provisions					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

One aspect of this bill would cause a very significant additional workload in District Attorneys' Offices. Section 83 of the bill criminalizes all threats that are simply intended to intimidate the recipient of the threat. This creation of a new crime will potentially create a very large number of cases that are then referred to DA offices. As written any argument in which one participant threatens to somehow harm the other person would now be a crime. This would include such actions as a parent threatening to spank his or her child if the child does or does not do something, even if the parent does not actually do the spanking, "trash talk" by one player aimed at intimidating another player during a sports event as well as any such talk aimed at the officials, and most barroom arguments where threats are made. All of these cases and many others could result in a case being referred to the DA office. Even the simple act of reviewing these cases, even if the DA office makes a decision not to prosecute will be very time consuming. Further, as this bill creates this new crime as a misdemeanor, the DA offices, not the Department of Justice, will be responsible for most of the appeals that they generate that then go to the state Court of Appeals. As a result of all of this, there would be a need for additional prosecutorial staff in several of the larger DA offices distributed as follows: Brown 1.0, Dane 1.0, Kenosha 1.0, Milwaukee 3.0, Racine 1.0, Rock 1.0, and Waukesha 1.0. There may be a need for additional staff in other DA offices that has not yet been recognized.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Additional prosecutorial resources beyond those noted in this fiscal estimate may be needed in future biennia.

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):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$454,500	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$454,500	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		454,500	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
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			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$454,500	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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