



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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<b>Subject</b>					
Termination of parental rights warnings in delinquency dispositions					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Current law allows juvenile courts and/or the Department of Corrections (DOC) to place juveniles who meet certain criteria in an adult prison. Due to a Wisconsin Supreme court decision, juveniles who have not had the right to a jury trial may not be placed into an adult prison. This bill would eliminate the authority for the transfer of a juvenile who has not had a jury trial to an adult prison. There would be no fiscal impact with this change.

Current law contains conflicting provisions relating to the age when a juvenile sentenced as an adult can be transferred from a juvenile correctional facility to an adult prison. This bill consistently sets the age to 15 years. Current law also contains ambiguous provisions related to the age when a standard juvenile correctional order must terminate. This bill clarifies the age to be 18 years. It is anticipated that these provisions will not have a fiscal impact to state or local governments.

Finally, this bill permits the juvenile court to extend the period of time (not to exceed an additional two years) that a Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) may be placed in a juvenile secured correctional facility. Currently SJOs with a Class B felony commitment can only be placed in a juvenile secured correctional facility for a total of three years.

It is not possible to determine the number of SJOs that would have their placements extended, or how long the extended placements would last. In FY02 the annual cost to house one juvenile in a secured juvenile correctional facility is \$61,000. Some of the costs to increase the amount of time a juvenile would spend in a correctional facility would be offset because the juvenile would have otherwise been placed on community supervision. The offset could range from \$8,000 to \$85,800 depending on what type of community placement the juvenile would have received.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**