

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 03-2993/1 **Introduction Number SB-487**

Subject

Relating to: permitting confidential information to be entered into, and accessed from, the statewide automated child welfare information system.

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns
 - Counties
 - School Districts
 - Village
 - Others
 - WTCS Districts
 - Cities

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, information received by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), a county department of social services, a licensed child welfare agency, or a licensed day care center about an individual who is in the care or legal custody of that agency is confidential and may not be disclosed except under certain exceptions. Similarly, treatment records of an individual who is receiving or has received services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, or drug dependence that are maintained by DHFS, a county department of community programs or developmental disabilities, or a treatment facility, are also confidential, but may also be released under certain circumstances.

This bill adds language that specifically allows these agencies to enter confidential information into the statewide automated child welfare information system (WiSACWIS) and to access the information maintained in WiSACWIS if that information is necessary for the organization to perform its duties or coordinate the delivery of services to a client under the Children's Code, the Juvenile Justice Code, or the Mental Health Act.

This bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Family Services or county departments of human or social services because the WiSACWIS system already has the capacity for agencies to enter and access this information.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications