

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 03-2777/1	Introduction Number SB-205	Estimate Type Original
Subject Veterans facility in northern Wisconsin		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under LRB 2777/1 the department is given authority to develop, construct or renovate and operate residential, treatment and nursing care facilities in at the Northern Wisconsin Center (NWC) for the Developmentally Disabled in Chippewa Falls. The bill also creates a trust fund to pay for the development of these facilities, which would be funded from the proceeds from the sale of surplus land at the NWC. The bill only provides the authority for the department to develop these facilities at the NWC. It also creates an appropriation from which the projects can be funded but does not appropriate any funding for constructing or renovating any facilities at that site. Any funding required to develop these facilities will need to be enumerated in future legislation. Moreover, State Building Commission approval would be required for the projects authorized under this bill. It should also be noted that most of the projects authorized under the bill would qualify for federal funding under various grant programs administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since the provisions of bill draft, in and of themselves, are permissive with respect to developing the facilities cited above and creates an appropriation but does not appropriate any funding, there is no immediate fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The long-range fiscal implications are indeterminate. It is not known whether future legislation will be approved that would authorize the construction or renovation of facilities at the NWC for the purposes authorized under this bill. Moreover, it is not known if federal grants will be available to offset the costs of constructing/renovating and operating the facilities at this time.