

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 03-2081/1 **Introduction Number** AB-201

Subject
 Relative caregivers

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect

Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget

Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No

Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs

Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue

Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory

2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue

Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected

Towns Village Cities

Counties Others

School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.445(3)(md)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would require the Department to exempt kinship care relatives from being required to pay a co-payment for child care subsidies on behalf of a child for whom the relative is receiving kinship care payments. The bill would be effective upon its signing into law.

During the period of September 2002 through August 2003, there were 743 children who received child care subsidy support and were living with a kinship care relative who was responsible for a child care co-payment amount under DWD's Wisconsin Shares program. The minimum co-pay when for 1 child in certified care is \$2 each week and in licensed care is \$4 each week. These amounts change due to the number of children in a single household. The total co-payment amount for these children for that one year period was approximately \$12,000.

Currently the co-payments for Wisconsin Shares participants are not reflected in DWD appropriations. Waiving the co-payments would result in a commensurate increased expenditure in the appropriations from which subsidy payments are made. Although some increase could occur due to increased participation when no co-payment is required and these amounts were not anticipated in currently-budgeted funding for Wisconsin Shares, the fiscal impact is relatively minor in the context of the \$300 million annual funding for the Wisconsin shares program.

The Department of Health and Family Services has also indicated that the bill would significantly increase the number of children that would be eligible for Kinship Care benefits. In their fiscal estimate it is assumed that an additional \$83,190,000 would be needed annually to fully fund the increased population served. The funding is currently federal TANF funds which are specifically allocated through legislation and would require action by the Joint Committee on Finance to adjust the Kinship Care funding and decide which TANF funded program would need to be reduced or eliminated to support the increased funding to Kinship Care.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 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		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance		12,000	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$12,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED		12,000	
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, etc.)			
		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		\$12,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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