



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Subject</b>					
Placement of sexually violent persons on supervised release					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, DHFS has responsibility for the treatment of individuals who have been considered to be Sexually Violent Persons (SVPs) under ch. 980. The Supervised Release program provides treatment to SVPs who have been released by the court under the supervision of the Department. If the court orders a SVP placed on supervised release, DHFS is required to find a placement in the community for that individual.

Currently, there are 15 individuals on supervised release in a variety of living arrangements, including living with relatives and living in Community Based Residential Facilities. Although to date no one has successfully completed the treatment program at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, more patients are making enough progress to be considered by the court for supervised release. The number of SVPs recommended for release into the community and therefore the number of community placements is expected to increase throughout the biennium. It is estimated that 24 individuals will be on supervised release by the end FY04 and 35 individuals will be on supervised release by the end of FY05.

Under this bill, DHFS would be prohibited from contracting with ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc. DHFS has contracted with ATTIC Correctional Services to provide residence search services statewide. DHFS spends \$30,000 on ATTIC residential search services during a typical year. Since DHFS does not have significant staff to conduct detailed housing searches throughout the state, DHFS would have to contract with other individual providers. The costs of the new vendors are difficult to project because a Request for Proposal would have to be completed.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications