

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Recodification of Juvenile Justice Code					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill recodifies ch. 938, stats., the Juvenile Justice Code. The bill reorganizes sections, makes nonsubstantive editorial changes, revises section titles, clarifies ambiguous language, and makes substantive changes that the Legislative Council's Special Committee concluded are relatively noncontroversial.

The only change in the bill that could fiscally impact the Department of Corrections or Wisconsin counties is the addition of attempted armed robbery under s.943.32(2) and 2nd degree reckless homicide (s.940.06) to the list of serious juvenile offender (SJO) offenses. Juveniles are only given an SJO disposition if they have been adjudicated delinquent for committing very serious crimes. Typically counties pay for juvenile placements, but a juvenile with an SJO disposition has the costs of their care paid through State GPR funds.

There have been no county placements under s.940.06 - 2nd degree reckless homicide since September, 2003 and for the first 5 months of 2005 there have been 10 county placements under s.943.32(2)- armed robbery . The Department does not have any information on whether or not the 10 commitments were for attempted armed robbery. It is not possible to determine the number of juveniles who would receive an SJO disposition for attempted armed robbery or attempted 2nd degree reckless homicide. Therefore, the net fiscal impact to the state or to local governments can not be determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications