

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DHFS 12/28/2005

LRB Number 05-3273/1	Introduction Number AB-866	Estimate Type Original
Description The earned release program		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, DOC and DHFS operate the Drug Abuse Correctional Center Program in Winnebago, which provides substance abuse treatment for prison inmates transferred there. If DOC determines that an inmate has successfully completed the program, the inmate is released early to parole or extended supervision. Inmates convicted of certain violent crimes or certain offenses against children are not eligible for early release under this program. Inmates who are sentenced under the "Truth in Sentencing" law are eligible only if the court authorizes their participation. This bill authorizes DOC to establish similar treatment and release programs at any state prison.

It is not anticipated that the bill will have a fiscal impact on DHFS. The bill could result in an increase in the number of inmates released to early parole or extended supervision who need ongoing substance abuse treatment. The increase in released inmates could result in an increased demand for county-funded substance abuse services at local treatment facilities. The number of inmates released early to parole or extended supervision and the resulting cost to county human services or social services departments, cannot be estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications