

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DHFS 5/23/2008

LRB Number	07-0167/2	Introduction Number	AB-0971	Estimate Type	Original
Description The appointment of a guardian for a child who is born to a mother who is under 16 years of age and requiring the mother of such a child to complete a parenting class					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 971 requires a county department of human services or social services or, in the case of Milwaukee, the Department of Health and Family Services to file a petition for the appointment of a guardian for a child born to a mother under 16 years of age if that child resides with the mother and does not have a guardian. While the Department anticipates that this requirement will increase the workload for Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare case workers, the additional costs can be absorbed within the agency's budget. The bill will increase workload costs for county human service and social service agencies.

The Department estimates that the annual number of births to mothers under the age of 16 in Wisconsin is 362 (122 in Milwaukee; 240 in the balance of the state). This estimate was derived from the annual number of teen births in Wisconsin and the national percentage of births to mothers under the age of 16. There were 6,100 (2,051 in Milwaukee and 4,049 in the balance of the state) children born to teen mothers, through age 19, in Wisconsin in 2006. Nationally, 5.93 percent of teen births in 2005 were to mothers under 16 years old.

For births to teen mothers who are in the foster care system, AB 971 would not create additional work as county agencies and the Department currently file petitions for guardianship in these cases. Data from the state's automated child welfare information system indicate that, in 2006, there were 16 births in the foster care system to females under 16 years of age (9 in Milwaukee; 7 in the balance of the state). Subtracting these births, the Department estimates an increase of 346 petitions for guardianship (113 in Milwaukee; 233 in the balance of the state) as a result of the bill.

In cases where a case worker can identify easily a suitable guardian, such as those where a parent of the mother can assume guardianship, the Department estimates an average of 3 hours of a case worker's time to determine whether the child resides with the mother and does not have a guardian and to file the petition and attend the plea hearing. While the Department assumes that the majority of cases will fall into this category, a number of cases will require additional work to determine whether the child resides with the mother and does not have a guardian, to locate a suitable guardian for the child, or to prepare for and attend subsequent hearings if the nominated guardian is contested. The Department estimated that these cases will require an average of 16 hours per case. Assuming that 95 percent of petitions require only the filing of a petition and 5 percent require additional work, the Department estimates that the bill would create an additional 1,261 hours of work annually for case workers statewide. As a result, the Department estimates annual costs of \$12,800 (\$10,112 GPR; \$2,688 FED) for the handling of Milwaukee cases, which can be absorbed within the agency's budget. The estimated increased cost for county agencies outside of Milwaukee would total \$26,400 (\$20,856 GPR; \$5,544 FED).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS REQUIRED

Estimated Teen Births to Mothers <16

U.S. Births to Mothers <20 (2005)
 U.S. Births to Mothers <16 (2005)
 Pct of Teen Births to Mothers <16

421,315
 24,971
 5.93%

Source: National Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 56, No. 6

Estimated Births to Mothers <16 in Wisconsin

Births to Mothers <20 (2006)

Source: Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health

Estimated Pct. Teen Births to Mothers <16
 Estimated Births to Mothers <16
 Births to Mothers <16 in Foster Care (2006)

	<i>Milwaukee</i>	<i>Balance of State</i>	<i>Statewide</i>
	2,051	4,049	6,100
	5.93%	5.93%	5.93%
	122	240	362
	9	7	16
	113	233	346

Source: eWISACWIS

Estimated Additional Petitions

WORKLOAD ASSUMPTIONS

Complexity of Case (*Hours Required per Case*)

File Petition

Further Investigation, Appeal

Complexity of Case (*Proportion of Annual Cases*)

File Petition

Further Investigation, Appeal

Weighted Time per Case

Time per Case

Caseworker Salary/Fringe

Average Salary

Fringe Pct.

Average Salary+Fringe

	3	16	95%	5%	3.65	21.241	0.4622	31.059
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WORKLOAD COSTS OF ADDITIONAL PETITIONS

Estimated Additional Petitions
 Estimated Hours per Case
 Estimated Annual Hours of Additional Workload
 FTE

	<i>Milwaukee</i>	<i>Balance of State</i>	<i>Statewide</i>
	113	233	346
	3.65	3.65	3.65
	410.85	850.38	1261.23
	0.20	0.41	0.61

Average Salary+Fringe	31,059	31,059	31,059
Estimated Annual Cost of Additional Workload (rounded)	\$ 12,800	\$ 26,400	\$ 39,200
IV-E Foster Care FED (21%)	\$ 2,688	\$ 5,544	\$ 8,232
GPR	\$ 10,112	\$ 20,856	\$ 30,968

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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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		\$12,800	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		(0.2 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$12,800	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		10,112	
FED		2,688	
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		\$12,800	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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