

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 07-0210/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0039 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Allowing access to pending paternity proceeding information for purposes of administering the child support establishment program | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

- *There will be no additional cost to the Office of State Courts in granting DWD access to the confidential cases in Wisconsin Supreme Court's Circuit Court Automation Project (CCAP).
- *The child support program files nearly 76% of the state's paternity caseload and over 99% of the paternity cases in Milwaukee County. Timely access to needed information is critical to comply with stringent federal timelines.
- *State law places strict confidentiality requirements on child support agencies with respect to information they receive in the course of administering the program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If not passed, a county child support agency will need to request information from the clerk of court on a case case basis. This requires pulling paper files, delivery time, and manually searching, impeding agencies from meeting federal timelines.

Counties may start paternity action on a case that has already been started in another agency or privately, reducing their efficiency on the case.