

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number	07-2848/1	Introduction Number	AB-0558	Estimate Type	Original
Description Child safety restraint systems and safety belt use requirements in motor vehicles					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2007 Assembly Bill 558 weakens occupant protection requirements for children between the ages of 4 and 8 years old with the repeal of 2005 Act 106.

2007 Assembly Bill 558 repeals 2005 Act 106, which qualified Wisconsin for federal incentive grant program funds from Section 405 and Section 2011. Specifically, the passage of AB 558 would:

1. Reenact a "personal needs" exemption, permitting a person other than the operator of a motor vehicle to remove a child from a safety restraint system to attend to the personal needs of the child.
2. Require only children under the age of 4 to be secured in a child restraint system.
3. Permit persons aged 4 and above to ride unrestrained in rear sitting seat positions equipped only with lap belts.
4. Require, for children who are 4 to 15 years old, only that the operator "reasonably believes" they are restrained.

Provisions 1 and 2 each would prevent Wisconsin from complying with the requirements of the Section 2011 program. Provisions 1, 3, and 4 would affect Wisconsin's compliance with the Section 405 program specifically. Provisions 1, 3, and 4 each would prevent Wisconsin from meeting the Child Passenger Protection Law criterion (Criterion 6) and provisions 3 and 4 each would prevent Wisconsin from meeting the Safety Belt Use Law criterion (Criterion 1).

Wisconsin could be expected to lose approximately \$1.2 million in federal grant funds.

The effect of AB 588 on revenues generated through CSR forfeitures is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Failing to meet the requirements of Section 405 and Section 2011 would mean an annual loss of federal grant funds, the amount of which is indeterminate.