



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**SPD 2/8/2008**

LRB Number <b>07-3185/4</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0695</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> John Doe proceedings		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The State Public Defender (SPD) is statutorily authorized and required to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings. The SPD plays a major role in ensuring that the Wisconsin justice system complies with the right to counsel provided by both the state and federal constitutions. Any legislation that creates a new criminal offense or expands the definition of an existing criminal offense has the potential to increase SPD costs.

Because this bill neither creates a new criminal offense, nor changes any penalties or procedures in pending criminal cases, it is unlikely to have a fiscal effect upon the SPD.

SPD is unaware of any likely impact on the budgets of local governmental entities.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**