

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-3125/1	Introduction Number AB-0840
Description Audits of informational technology development projects by the Legislative Audit Bureau and making appropriations	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.765 (3)(c)	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2007 Assembly Bill 840 increases the authorized staffing level of the Legislative Audit Bureau by 2.0 GPR positions for the purpose of performing audits of information technology development projects of state agencies in the executive branch and overseeing the work of private contractors.

To fund these two additional positions, the bill increases the appropriation to the Legislative Audit Bureau under s. 20.765 (3)(c), Wis. Stats., by \$76,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 and by \$131,800 in FY 2008-09. As shown below, the amounts provided in the bill would fund an estimated salary of \$49,550 for each position:

1. Estimated starting salary (per position, per year) = \$49,550
2. Estimated fringe benefit cost (per position, per year) = \$16,350
3. Estimated total cost (per position, per year) = \$65,900
4. Estimated total cost (two positions, per year) = \$131,800

This salary estimate may not reflect actual salary requirements for auditors who possess experience or certain professional certifications, such as Certified Information Systems Auditors (CISAs). However, such certifications may also be earned after hiring and during the course of employment at the Legislative Audit Bureau. If higher salaries are required, the amounts would have to be accommodated within the Bureau's current operating budget.

The bill also increases the appropriation to the Legislative Audit Bureau under s. 20.765 (3)(c), Wis. Stats., by \$200,000 in FY 2007-08 to fund contracts with vendors for the purpose of monitoring information technology development projects of executive branch state agencies. In April 2007, the Legislative Audit Bureau completed a review of information technology projects in 28 executive branch agencies that identified 184 projects that were completed in FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 or were ongoing at the beginning of FY 2006-07. Given the number of information technology development projects underway or undertaken by executive branch agencies in any given year, it is possible that every project could not be audited or monitored and may have to be cycled.

The bill also requires the Legislative Audit Bureau to report the findings of audits of information technology development projects to the Legislature and Governor on or before July 1 of each year. The costs for such reporting could be accommodated within the Bureau's current operating budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications