

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-0574/1	Introduction Number SB-013	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

This bill authorizes personnel from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) or from county child support agencies to have access to court records of pending paternity actions, even if DWD or a county child support agency is not a party to the action to which the record relates. Those records are currently confidential, with access limited to the child's parents and the parties to the action and their attorneys.

This bill will require computer programming changes in order to allow access to these records through the case management system maintained by the Supreme Court's Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP). It is estimated the costs of these computer programming changes can be absorbed within the current budget for CCAP.

In addition, there may be additional tasks required of the county Clerk of Circuit Court, who would arrange for access to these records by the county child support agencies. It is estimated these costs to the counties would not be substantial and could be absorbed within current budgets.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications