

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 2/12/2008

LRB Number 07-3918/1	Introduction Number SB-432	Estimate Type Original
Description Relating to: 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