

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, DCF or a county child welfare agency that receives a report of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect must investigate whether abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur and whether the child or a member of the child's family is in need of services. A determination that abuse or neglect has occurred cannot be based solely on the fact that the caregiver relied on religious means to treat a disease. This bill eliminates that exception and instead provides an exception to the requirement that the county department determine whether the child, a member of the child's family, or the child's guardian or legal custodian is in need of services.

DCF does not anticipate that changing the religious exceptions will have a significant effect on the operation of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare or county child welfare agencies. Thus, this bill does not anticipate to have a significant fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications