

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-4287/1	Introduction Number	AB-0839	Estimate Type	Original
Description The statute of limitations for sexual contact with a child and limits on recovery against the state and local political subdivisions					

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 and certain commitment 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 has the potential to increase SPD costs if it creates a new criminal offense, expands the definition of an existing criminal offense, or increases the penalties for an existing offense.

This bill would remove the current time limits for bringing certain civil actions under chapter 893, for which the SPD does not have authority to appoint counsel. Therefore, this bill would not result in any fiscal effect for the SPD.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications