

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3768/1	Introduction Number	AB-0632	Estimate Type	Original
Description Directing the University of Wisconsin Law School to require students to complete a clinical practicum					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill directs the University of Wisconsin Law School to require students to successfully complete a six to eight credit clinical practicum in order to receive a degree. The requirement first applies to students receiving a degree in 2013. Since it is not entirely clear what is meant by "clinical practicum", the fiscal impact of this bill varies substantially. Three different models for clinical education are listed below. However, the fiscal estimate assumes the cost of the traditional clinic model.

1.) Traditional Clinic Model.

Currently, the Frank J. Remington Center (criminal clinics) and the Economic Justice Institute (civil clinics) have about 100 in-house clinical students, plus about 40 externs annually. The total program costs for the FJRC and EJI is about \$1.8M. Discounting the total program cost by 1/3 to account for classroom teaching, indicates that about \$1.2M is spent on clinical training at the credit level suggested for 140 students. To cover each class of about 280 students, this amount needs to be doubled and added as a permanent base adjustment. This would be \$1.2M plus associated fringe for a total of \$1.7M.

2.) Simulation.

Currently, the University of Wisconsin Law School has a Lawyering Skills Program which is 7 credits and serves 50 students per year. It is run by 2.5 FTE and countless volunteer attorneys. To increase this 5 or 6 fold would be an additional 8-10 FTE, or perhaps greater. It is difficult to assume the program could get 5 times the volunteers to run the expanded simulation. Eight additional clinical faculty at \$80K each, plus fringes would be \$120K x 8 or \$960K.

3.) Externships.

In order for Externship credits to be acceptable to the ABA, the externship experiences must have supervision by the Law School faculty. As in the above, if the University of Wisconsin Law School expands the externship program 5 or 6 fold, additional clinical faculty coordinators would need to be hired to hold a classroom component and keep in touch with the placement. Based on current activity, there is an estimated need for 8 clinical faculty coordinators at a total cost of about \$960K.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$1,700,000		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(8.0 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,700,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	1,700,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State		Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,700,000		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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