

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-2562/1	Introduction Number	SB-161	Estimate Type	Original
Description Administration of certain public assistance programs in Milwaukee County, removing county civil service protections from certain employees, required provisions in certain collective bargaining agreements under the Municipal Employment Relations Act, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows the Department to contract with the the Department of Health Services' enrollment services unit to perform eligibility and authorization functions for the child care subsidy program in the county.

Currently, W-2 agencies are responsible for child care eligibility services, but in Milwaukee County these services are subcontracted to Milwaukee County. This bill would allow the Department to contract directly with DHS to perform these services. No contract change is anticipated prior to January 1, 2009. In general, the cost of county employees in the unit and DHS employees supervising them, must be allocated among all the federal programs for which eligibility is performed. DHS employees will not supervise and DCF will not pay for, child care eligibility prior to Jan. 1, 2010.

After Jan. 1, 2010, costs to the child care subsidy program will depend on future contract arrangements and the growth in workload in IM programs relative to the growth in the child care subsidy program. It is anticipated that the costs associated with the DHS assuming responsibility for child care eligibility services would be covered by existing revenue sources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications