

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires certain professionals to report suspected abuse or neglect, when those individuals encounter children in the course of their duties and have a reason to believe that the child has been or will be threatened with abuse or neglect. Additionally, under current law, any citizen may report suspected abuse or neglect to local authorities.

This bill makes all public school employees mandatory child abuse and neglect reporters. Currently, only school teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, therapists, and social workers are required to report suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect. Additionally, the bill requires that all public school employees receive training in identifying child abuse and neglect.

Under the existing law, the Department, in conjunction with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Child Welfare Professional Development System, made materials available for local entities to administer child abuse and neglect training programs. This law requires the Department to make available training programs to school districts to enable them to comply with the law. This requirement will not change current practices and will not increase costs to the Department. The bill may increase costs to counties, due to potential increased demand on county child welfare agencies for technical assistance and/or training of the additional school employees. It is not possible to determine the extent of the increased cost, if any, to counties.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications