

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-0415/1	Introduction Number	AB-0118	Estimate Type	Original
Description Aiding a felon and providing penalties					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would expand the scope of the current felony offense for aiding a felon by eliminating an exception that exists under current law.

It is impossible to predict how many additional court proceedings will be brought under the terms of this bill. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors or other criminal cases. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by both the state and the county.

We have relied on the Judicial Needs Assessment 2006, submitted to the Director of State Courts by the National Center for State Courts. For this study, all Wisconsin judges and court commissioners participated in a time study designed to measure the time currently spent processing different types of cases from initial filing to final resolution. According to the time study, a felony case involved an average of 162.8 minutes of judicial time.

An accurate estimate of the additional costs is impossible with the data available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications