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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a licensing system under which an individual is permitted to carry a concealed weapon.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) operates seven facilities throughout the state which house patients and inmates: two mental health institutes (Mendota and Winnebago), one prison (Wisconsin Resource Center), one secure treatment center (Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center), and three centers (Northern, Central, and Southern) for people with developmental disabilities.

Under this bill, state law would permit individuals to enter any DHS building with a weapon except for the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) as a person licensed under this bill is generally prohibited from carrying a weapon in a prison or jail beyond the security checkpoint. WRC would continue its security checks prior to entry to the building. This facility provides locked storage to visitors, if needed, to secure weapons or other contraband.

If DHS chose to maintain the current policy to prohibit weapons at all DHS facilities, the Department would need to post 8 1/2" x 11" orange signs at both mental health institutes (Mendota and Winnebago), the three centers for people with developmental disabilities (Northern, Central, and Southern), and the Sand Ridge secure treatment facility building entrances and parking lots notifying the public of this policy.

Signage costs vary depending on what type of sign is used. The Department estimates there are approximately 700 entrances in its seven facilities that require a sign to be posted. Costs vary from a total of \$400 for 8 1/2" x 11" fluorescent orange laminated signs to metal signage of the same color and size for a total of \$7,600. The Department could choose to use a combination of both paper and metal signage to post this policy. Assuming half of the signs will be laminated paper and half metal, the total cost for signage is estimated at \$4,000. The Department can absorb these costs

DHS is unable to estimate the local costs for county and municipal governments to install signage for all of the public entrances to their buildings and parking lots if they choose.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications