



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-4266/1	Introduction Number	SB-610	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Authorizing Marquette University to create a police department and employ university police officers					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) is statutorily authorized and required to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in criminal and certain commitment proceedings. The SPD plays a major role in ensuring that the Wisconsin justice system complies with the right to counsel provided by both the state and federal constitutions. Any legislation has the potential to increase SPD costs if it creates a new criminal offense, expands the definition of an existing criminal offense, or increases the penalties for an existing offense.

This bill authorizes Marquette University to enter into an agreement with the state and the city of Milwaukee to establish a university police department and employ university police officers. Under this bill, except as provided otherwise in the agreement, Marquette University police officers have the same powers as Milwaukee law enforcement officers to maintain order, detect and prevent crime, enforce laws and ordinances, and make arrests for violations of laws and ordinances and Marquette may assigned additional duties to the Marquette University police officers. This bill requires that a Marquette University police officer meet training and certification standards provided by the Law Enforcement Standards board, that Marquette University have written policies on arrests and rendering aid, and that Marquette University maintain liability insurance. The Marquette University police officer is considered a peace officer for purposes of the Criminal Code and the Marquette University police department is subject to certain public records laws.

The SPD estimates that this bill will not have a fiscal impact in the number of cases in which it provides representation.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications