

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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 Supplemental

LRB Number 13-4354/1		Introduction Number SB-637	
Description Eliminating voluntary intoxication as a defense to criminal liability			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input 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		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.550(1)(b-d)			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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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.

Under current law, if a person is intoxicated or drugged when he or she is alleged to have committed a crime, the intoxication or drugged condition is a defense to criminal liability if: the person was involuntarily intoxicated or drugged at the time of the alleged offense and the person's condition rendered him or her incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong; or the person's condition, whether voluntarily or involuntarily produced, made it impossible for him or her to have had the intent necessary to commit the crime. Voluntary intoxication, however, is generally not a defense in the second situation if the offense charged is based on the person's criminal recklessness. This bill eliminates the defense of voluntary intoxication.

The SPD has no data to predict the impact this legislation has on our assigned cases. The SPD does not anticipate an increase in caseload; however, since this bill removes a legal defense option the complexity and length of the case may increase. The SPD's FY 2013 average cost to provide representation with a private bar attorney in a felony case is \$556.21 and \$247.54 in a misdemeanor case.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications