

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-3581/1	Introduction Number	SB-426	Estimate Type	Original
Description Disclosure of electronic juvenile court records to a county department of human services or social services for purposes of providing intake and dispositional services					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the director of state courts has established the Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) that contains information about cases filed in the circuit courts in the state of Wisconsin, including cases filed in the juvenile courts. Juvenile court records are confidential and may not be opened to inspection, nor their contents be disclosed, except by an order of the juvenile court or under statutory exceptions, including a requirement for a juvenile court to make information relating to a proceeding under the Children's Code or the Juvenile Justice Code that is contained in the electronic records of the juvenile court available to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). DCF may use or allow access to that information only for the purposes of providing child welfare or juvenile justice intake or dispositional services. Current law permits the director of state courts to use CCAP to make that information available.

The bill requires the juvenile court to make the same information relating to proceedings under the Children's Code or the Juvenile Justice Code, contained in the electronic records of the juvenile court, available to a county department of human or social services. The information would be used for the purpose of providing child welfare or juvenile justice intake or dispositional services. The bill allows the director of state courts to use CCAP to make that information available.

The implementation of this bill will allow a county department of social services or human services to directly request the information from CCAP. There is no fiscal impact to the counties or to DCF to implement this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications