

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 2/2/2016

LRB Number	15-4231/1	Introduction Number	SB-521	Estimate Type	Original
Description Forfeiture of property seized in relation to a crime					

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 critical 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 changes the way property is forfeited after it is seized in relation to a crime.

We are unable, however, to quantify the fiscal impact that might occur due to the provisions in this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications