

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-1029/1	Introduction Number AB-0041
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Description
 Readoption of a child adopted by a resident of this state under an order of a court of a foreign jurisdiction

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <u>Circuit Courts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.437(1)(jj)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 3/9/2015

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a child who is a citizen of another country has been adopted in that country before being brought to Wisconsin, the adoption is legally recognized under state law only if the Department of Children and Families (DCF) first approved the placement of the child with the adoptive parents. As is the case with domestic adoptions, a home study must be completed in order for DCF to approve the placement, but other aspects of state adoption procedures are not required. The parents then may, but are not required to, readopt the child under Wisconsin procedures. The child must be readopted, however, in order to obtain a birth certificate that is recognized by the state for purposes such as obtaining a driver's license.

This draft requires that, when a child who is a citizen of another country has been adopted in that country by a parent who is a Wisconsin resident, the child must be readopted in Wisconsin. The draft provides that the re-adoption must follow the same procedure provided under current law for the adoption of a child by a resident of this state who has been appointed as guardian of the child by a court of the child's home country.

Under this bill, there will be an increase in workload for local circuit courts. However, it is assumed additional workload can be absorbed by existing staff.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications