

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 2/18/2016

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| LRB Number | 15-2785/3 | Introduction Number | AB-0880 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Medically accurate information, conscientious beliefs of reproductive health care providers, health care provider liability insurance, eliminating certain abortion requirements, prohibiting employment retribution and discrimination, actions against a person seeking or providing health care, and providing a criminal penalty | | | | | |

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 creates a right to medically accurate information, creates bodies for researching reproductive health issues, prohibits certain employment retribution and discrimination for health care providers, provides methods for health care providers to assert conscientious beliefs regarding reproductive health care services, makes various changes to abortion laws, specifies prohibited conduct regarding obtaining and providing health care and civil remedies and criminal penalties for committing that conduct, and regulating rates and other aspects of health care liability insurance.

This bill has little to no effect on the SPD caseloads since the penalties identified in this bill are not charged often and would rarely require representation by a public defender.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications