

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WEDC 6/21/2017

LRB Number	17-2973/1	Introduction Number	AB-0385	Estimate Type	Original
Description requiring controlled substance abuse screening, testing, and treatment for eligibility for economic development programs					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB-385 requires WEDC program applicants to complete a questionnaire or other screening instrument concerning the abuse of controlled substances. The bill also includes screening and testing requirements for owners, shareholders, partners, members, principals, officers, directors, and managers of the business applying to participate in a WEDC economic development program.

If WEDC determines there is a reasonable suspicion that an applicant is abusing a controlled substance, the individual must undergo a test for the use of a controlled substance to participate in an economic development program administered by the corporation.

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families recently submitted a fiscal estimate for a proposal with similar requirements. The DCF estimate noted that the department was allocated \$250,000 GPR to administer the new requirements. The Michigan state legislature appropriated \$300,000 to administer a program with similar requirements in 2016.

The bill does not provide new allocation, but instead requires WEDC to draw from existing funds. This would need to result in a re-allocation from other existing programs and activities to meet the statutory requirements.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications