

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 9/26/2017

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Description prostitution crime surcharge and making appropriations					

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 \$5,000 surcharge which may be imposed on persons who are convicted of patronizing or soliciting prostitutes, pandering, or keeping a place of prostitution. Under this bill the surcharge amounts collected are used for treatment and services for sex-trafficking victims and for criminal investigative operations and law enforcement relating to Internet Crimes Against Children.

The bill is unlikely to have a significant fiscal impact for the SPD. It may result in an increase in the number of jury trials because of the high amount of the surcharge which could be imposed upon conviction.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications