

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 17-4850/1 **Introduction Number** AB-0786

Description
the Court Appointed Special Advocates grant program and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
- Increase Existing Appropriations
- Decrease Existing Appropriations
- Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
- Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
- Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns Village Cities
- Counties Others
- School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG 20.455 (3)(g) and 20.455 (5)(es)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the amount of the annual grant to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association from \$80,000 to \$250,000 and eliminates the sunset date on the grant. The grant is funded revenues collected by the Department of Justice (DOJ) from lawsuit settlements and judgments.

The revenues received by the DOJ related to lawsuit settlements and judgments are intermittent and the use of the funds may be directed or restricted, for example, to consumer protection activities or activities related to the basis of the lawsuit. It is not possible to predict the amount of unrestricted, unappropriated lawsuit-related revenues the department may receive in the future. The elimination of the sunset date and the increase in the grant amount may result in the grant exceeding the amount of available revenue.

2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the 2017-19 biennial budget, requires the department to appropriate \$160,000 during the biennium to fund grants to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. This grant requirement sunsets at the end of the biennium and there are currently sufficient revenues to support the lower grant amount of \$80,000 for the 2017-19 biennium.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is not possible to predict the amount of unrestricted revenues the DOJ may receive in the future. The ongoing requirement to fund the grant may exceed the revenues available in future years.