

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 2/20/2018

LRB Number	17-5233/1	Introduction Number	AB-0953	Estimate Type	Original
Description juvenile correctional facilities, youth aids, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill relates to the closure of Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School.

The bill makes changes to the Youth Aids allocation calculations performed by the Department of Children and Families, as well as the allowable uses of Youth Aids funds. The bill's effect on the distribution of Youth Aids to counties is indeterminate at this time. The bill does not affect the total amount of Youth Aids funding available for distribution.

The bill requires DCF to promulgate rules to establish standards for services for juveniles in a secured residential care center for children and youth by December 2018. DCF is not the licensing authority for secured RCCs. It will be difficult for DCF to meet the December deadline for emergency rule promulgation since DCF has no expertise related to programming in a secured facility. DCF would require two additional staff positions to assist with the expedited rule creation process and provide program oversight and monitoring of rule implementation at an annual cost of \$246,000.

This bill does not include statutory changes that would allow or require DCF to establish rates for secured RCCs.

The bill establishes the Juvenile Corrections Study Committee in DCF that would research and develop recommendations for rules governing the services and programming provided to juveniles in secured residential care centers for children and youth. Findings must be submitted to DCF by September 1, 2018. The committee is also required to study and develop recommendations for the location of Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities and notify DOC of recommendations by November 1, 2018. Finally, the committee must review and make recommendations to DOC for updating Chapter DOC 346 Secure Detention for Juveniles, Wisconsin Administrative Code. These recommendations would be due by September 1, 2018. All state agencies involved in the committee would be required to provide adequate staff to conduct the functions of the committee. DCF would be able to absorb this duty with current resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications