

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 4/12/2017

LRB Number	17-2273/1	Introduction Number	SB-119	Estimate Type	Original
Description growing and processing industrial hemp, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

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.

The bill does not provide for a new criminal offense, expand the definition of a criminal offense, or increase criminal penalties. The bill requires the Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to issue licenses that authorize the growing and processing of industrial hemp. The SPD does not anticipate a significant increase or decrease in its caseload as a result of this proposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications