## Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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Fiscal Effect					
Appropriations	ase Existing absorb within	Limita			
Local:  No Local Government Costs  Indeterminate  1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory  2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Districts  5. Types of Local Government Units Affected Towns Others Counties Others Districts					
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations					
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS 20.550					
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## 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 prosecutor board and a state prosecutors office. It also gives funding for the Department of Justice, Assistant District Attorneys, the Public Defender, and the courts. Under this bill, the Public Defender Board's authority is expanded.

The bill includes the appropriations necessary to cover the cost of the proposal. The bill provides \$16,612,700 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the increased private bar rate (from \$40 to \$70 per hour). This bill provides \$1,767,900 in FY2020 and \$3,535,800 in FY2021 to fund the assistant state public defender pay progression plan. Lastly, this bill provides \$250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the SPD student loan payment pilot program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications