

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 10/21/2019

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Description Public Defender Board regulation					

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.

Under current law, the Public Defender Board may promulgate rules to assure that representation of indigent clients by private bar attorneys is at the same level as the representation by state public defender. Under this bill, the board's authority to promulgate rules is expanded to include setting standards for and imposing conditions upon private bar attorney certification, decertification, or recertification to represent clients..

The bill is unlikely to have a fiscal impact for the SPD.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications