

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-5522/1	Introduction Number AB-0858
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Description
 opioid and methamphetamine data system and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill gives DOA responsibility for contracting for the creation and maintenance of a database to track opioid and methamphetamine-related data. The bill creates chapter 153 on Opioid and Methamphetamine Data with a list of specific data elements that shall be in the database. While the bill does not assign specific tasks to specific agencies, this analysis assumes the DCF will only be responsible for supplying data for s153.87(1)(t): "The number of minors who enter the child protective services system due to opioid use by a parent or guardian, length of time those minors are in out-of-home care, and the type of reporter who notified child protective services of the needs of the minor."

DCF's eWiSACWIS system does not currently generate this data. While parental drug use is an option for removal reason, it is not drug-specific, differentiating only between alcohol and other drugs. To generate the data, eWiSACWIS would need new detail fields to capture the specific drug information as well as making the field required. In addition, new reports would need to be designed to generate data on length of care and reporter type. Depending on the system that DOA uses, DCF may need to create a data interface to send data from eWiSACWIS to the new system.

Modifying eWiSACWIS, creating new reports, and interfacing with an external system would cost approximately \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Ensuring ongoing support for this development as well as other future changes mandated by new state legislation would require maintaining a similar staffing level. This would create an ongoing cost of \$300,000 to \$500,000 per state fiscal year. However, having capacity to take up mandated changes would reduce the one-time cost of future changes, as the need for further increases in capacity would be reduced or eliminated, depending on the magnitude of the changes and ongoing funding.

This bill also creates s153.87(1)(r) and s153.87(1)(t), requiring the reporting of data on: "The number of minors in the state who use opioids, the extent to which those minors use opioids, and the type of opioids used" and "The number of minors in the state who use methamphetamines, the extent to which those minors use methamphetamines, and the forms of methamphetamines used." DCF does not collect information at this level of detail. While caseworkers may add this information, it is in written notes rather than readily-usable data. Converting it would require a large eWiSACWIS upgrade. eWiSACWIS does not have the capability to store drug-use data at the level of detail specified in the bill and would require additional upgrades.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications