

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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| LRB Number 19-3738/1 | Introduction Number SB-405 |
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Description
 grant to a hospital for expanding psychiatric bed capacity

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs |
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

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| 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 0 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
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| Fund Sources Affected | Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS | 20.435 (2)(gk) |

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, if a county needs to admit a patient for mental health or substance use treatment under an emergency medical detention, and if facilities in local region are unavailable or unwilling to accept the emergency detention, counties must use local staff and resources to transport the individual in crisis to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) in Oshkosh, WI. WMHI is statutorily obligated to accept all admissions to the facility from all parts of Wisconsin and, under the provisions of this bill, the facility's statutory obligations would not change.

Under this bill, \$15,000,000 in FY 20 general fund supported borrowing (GFSB) would be authorized to provide a grant to Eau Claire area hospitals to expand the capacity of psychiatric care beds in the area by approximately 22 beds. The bill identifies a physical location for the grant awardees, specifying a hospital located in Eau Claire, south of the Chippewa River and Northeast of the Highway 12 and 37 intersections and that serves in a health system that has a hospital in Chippewa county. Currently, the only hospital that meets these criteria is HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.

The bill requires hospitals receiving the grants to give admissions preference to individuals who are admitted under an emergency detention and who arrive from one of 29 counties located primarily in Wisconsin's northwestern region. If the hospitals do not use the grants to expand psychiatric bed capacity, the state will retain an ownership interest in the expansion equal to the amount of the state's grant.

The bill is expected to cost \$15,000,000 GFSB. It is possible adding 22 psychiatric care beds in the Eau Claire area could reduce admissions to WMHI and the amount of program revenue received for admissions to the institute. The precise impact on the annual number of admissions to WMHI is unknown. The potential change in admissions is not expected to be significant enough to result in staffing reductions at WMHI, and therefore the bill will not significantly affect WMHI costs.

The impact on county costs will depend on the number of emergency detention counties send to the Eau Claire hospital in lieu of WMHI, the difference between the rates charged by the Eau Claire hospital and WMHI, and any differences in county transportation costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications