

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>19-4432/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-461</b>
<b>Description</b> a Public Defender Board student loan payment pilot program, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and making an appropriation	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <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	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.550	
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**SPD 10/21/2019**

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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.

The bill creates a pilot loan assistance program to provide tuition reimbursement to certified assigned counsel attorneys who accept appointed cases from the SPD in certain counties. The attorney would be required to accept at least 50 appointments in a county which has either 25,000 or fewer residents or a population density of 55 persons per square mile or less. If they meet certain eligibility criteria, the attorney would be eligible for up to \$20,000 in loan assistance.

The bill provides total funding of \$250,000. At the maximum amount, 12.5 attorneys statewide would qualify for participation in the pilot program. SPD does not require additional funding to operate the program and distribute the funding.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**