

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 19-4331/1	Introduction Number SB-491	Estimate Type Original
Description registration of fantasy contest operators, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty		

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 requires fantasy contest operators to register with the Department of Financial Institutions to operate in this state and imposes certain requirements on fantasy contest operators as specified in the bill. "Fantasy contest" is defined in the bill as being a fantasy or simulation game or contest in which one or more players compete against each other and a winning outcome reflects the relative knowledge and skill of fantasy contest players and is determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals, including athletes in the case of sporting events. To obtain an initial registration, a fantasy contest operator must become authorized to transact business in this state, apply to DFI and submit evidence that the fantasy contest operator complies or will comply with requirements specified in the bill, and pay the initial registration fee. The fantasy contest operator must renew this registration annually.

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

Long-Range Fiscal Implications