

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-2161/1	Introduction Number AB-0143
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Description
 qualified residential treatment programs and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	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	
<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		
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows DCF to certify a residential care center, group home, or shelter care facility to operate a qualified residential treatment program for children and youth (QRTP) if it determines that the facility meets federal QRTP requirements under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). The bill requires DCF to promulgate rules for the establishment, certification, operation, and monitoring of, and the placement of a child in, a QRTP.

Wisconsin's two-year delay of FFPSA implementation ends on September 30, 2021, and the associated Title IV-E claiming and reimbursement requirements begin on October 1, 2021. While this bill has an associated increase in costs for the establishment and certification of QRTPs, this is required under FFPSA. If no other action is taken, passage of this bill prevents a reduction in Title IV-E claiming reimbursements from the federal government starting on October 1, 2021. DCF claimed \$8.2 million in FFY 2019 and \$8.3M in FFY 2020 for Title IV-E congregate care placements.

The Department anticipates that it will be able to absorb the costs to establish, review, and approve QRTP certification applications using existing budget and staff.

The Department anticipates that youths served by QRTPs will involve more intensive treatment and a higher operating cost for facilities, which may result in higher rates paid by counties, tribes, and DCF (including the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services). However, these costs are indeterminate at this time due to a variety of factors.

The Department will also have costs associated with establishing a new provider type (QRTP), including updating eWiSACWIS (the statewide automated child welfare system) and updating trainings and policies. The costs related to eWiSACWIS can be absorbed with current staff resources, and the additional training funding (e.g. Congregate Care Provider Training) is requested by DCF in the 2021-23 biennial budget. Additional QRTP-related funding is requested in the 2021-23 biennial budget to establish and support a QRTP facility in Milwaukee County and for the certification and ongoing support of a centralized nursing service required for congregate care facilities under FFPSA.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications