

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill recognizes same-sex marriage by making references to spouses, in the applicable Wisconsin statutes, gender-neutral. It also recognizes legal parentage for same-sex couples in certain circumstances and updates the terminology in the applicable statutes to make them gender-neutral, as well.

Under the proposed legislation, an estimated 30 circuit court forms (print and online) and the Juvenile Benchbook will need to be revised to reflect the new gender neutral terminology, as well as modifying the on-line and in-person Children's Improvement Program training curriculum.

Consolidated Court Automation Program (CCAP) programming will be needed to revise the on-line forms to reflect the updated terminology, including terminology used in certain class codes and history event codes. Lastly, circuit court procedures will need to be updated for circuit court staff's use and education.

Fiscal Effect – Costs/Savings: The Director of State Courts has determined that the implementation of this bill would incur indeterminate, one-time GPR and PR costs

GPR one-time implementation costs

- Updating forms, publications and website materials
- Creating new procedures and trainings for judges and clerks
- Providing training to judges and clerks

PR one-time Consolidated Court Automation Program (CCAP) implementation costs requires one-time programming

- Amend forms
- Update class and history event codes

Timeline for implementation - 6-8 months.

Fiscal Effect – Local impact: There may be an indeterminate fiscal impact related to the change in terminology. To implement this bill, counties will need to update any forms and procedures that they have drafted on a local level, to reflect the updated terminology.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The Court system does not anticipate a long-range impact resulting from this proposed bill.