

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-1238/1	Introduction Number AB-0490
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Description
 registry for children with blindness or visual impairment

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<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	20.435 (1) (a)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, children three years old or younger with a diagnosis of blindness or visual impairment are eligible to receive services through Wisconsin's Birth to 3 Program. Services provided through the Birth to 3 program include therapies and education that enhance the child's development and support the family's knowledge, skills, and abilities as they interact with the child, all in the child's natural environment.

Under AB 490, the Department would establish a registry for children under the age of three and diagnosed with blindness or visual impairment. The Department would contract with a nonprofit organization to manage the registry, as well as provide relevant information about services available for children who are blind or visually impaired. Once a child is so diagnosed, or suspected of having impairment by a qualified professional, his or her parents or guardians would be notified of the existence of this registry, and would have the option to include the child in the registry.

Once registered, the child must be referred for evaluation under a Department of Public Instruction-licensed teacher of the visually impaired. Based on the results of this evaluation, the child may be referred to Birth to 3 program for services. The Department of Health Services Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance System currently operates a registry of similar scope as proposed in this bill. Current statute under s. 253.12(7) allocates \$95,000 annually to operate the System, which could incorporate additional diagnoses of visual impairment for lower marginal costs. However, as the bill mandates that the Department designate a non-profit to create a duplicate registry for this specific category of diagnosis, it is estimated that an additional \$95,000 GPR would be necessary annually to be developed and managed by a third-party vendor.

Because children with this diagnosis are already eligible for Birth to 3 services under current law, the bill is not expected to expand Birth to 3 program eligibility or increase costs for counties providing Birth to 3 services. Additionally, as this registry acts as an "opt-in" choice that does not significantly alter the standard process for referral and enrollment into the program, the Department does not expect increased services costs associated with higher uptake of the Birth to 3 program. Therefore, the Department does not expect additional costs to local governments from this proposal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	95,000		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$95,000	\$	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	95,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$95,000	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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