

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-3769/1	Introduction Number	SB-443	Estimate Type	Original
Description establishing a task force to study the legal and societal barriers to equality for transgender, intersex, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming individuals					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a transgender equality task force, which is required to study the legal and societal barriers to equality for transgender, intersex, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming individuals in Wisconsin and provide recommendations to the governor and the legislature on how to ensure their equality and improve their lives. The recommendations must address the following areas: health care; long-term care; education in primary and secondary schools; higher education; housing, including the prevention and reduction of homelessness among transgender, intersex, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming youth and adults; employment; criminal justice, policing and prisons; and any other issue the taskforce considers relevant.

Membership of the task force is drawn from state agencies, the UW and Technical College systems, the ACLU, and other stakeholders. The bill requires the Department of Workforce Development Secretary to appoint a department representative and a representative from the department's Equal Rights Division. Their expertise and duties are to include expanding access by transgender, intersex, nonbinary, or gender nonconforming populations to the department's and / or division's services or eliminating discrimination in the department's and / or division's programs, policies, or initiatives.

The bill states that members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses including mileage. The bill requires the Wisconsin Department of Administration to staff and provide funding for the task force.

The Department of Workforce Development estimates minimal resource costs associated with the time commitment for the representatives from the department which would be absorbable within the agency's operating budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications