

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 21-4697/1	Introduction Number SB-595
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Description
 terminating parental rights based on the parent's incarceration

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
 - Increase Existing Revenues
 - Decrease Existing Revenues
 - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
 - Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
 - Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR
 FED
 PRO
 PRS
 SEG
 SEGS

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates new grounds for the involuntary termination of parental rights (TPR) based on parental incarceration under certain criteria.

If enacted, the Department anticipates one-time costs to DCF of approximately \$30,000 to modify trainings with the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS) to include the changes provided in this legislation. The Department also projects a substantial increase in workload for child welfare case workers, however, the fiscal effect of the increased workload is indeterminate since the Department is unable to estimate the number of new TPR cases as a result of this legislation.

This legislation is also likely to result in additional pressures on the legal system in cases where grounds for TPR are met. As such, TPR proceedings are likely to increase and may result in a delay of permanency for children in cases where TPR exists, and therefore increases out-of-home care costs. The extent of the increased costs related to child welfare case worker workload, legal system workload, and out-of-home care are unknown, and thus the state and local fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications