

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-4955/1	Introduction Number	SB-0839	Estimate Type	Original
Description compensation for certain employees of the Department of Corrections who are transferred to the Department of Health Services					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2023 Wisconsin Act 19, the biennial budget act, transferred from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Department of Health Services 110.0 FTE correctional officer positions who perform security functions at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC). This bill would provide these transferred positions with the same raises, wage supplements, or enhancements which they would have been entitled to if they remained a DOC employee, but which are unavailable to employees of the Department of Health Services. Under the provisions of this bill, the DOC employees transferred to WRC would also be entitled to any future raises, wage supplements, or enhancements provided to similarly situated DOC employees employed at maximum security facilities.

The Governor's budget proposed a \$4 per hour add-on for correctional officers serving at both DHS and DOC maximum security facilities. However, under the provisions of 2023 Act 19, the add-on was reduced to \$3 per hour and limited only to DOC personnel. This bill would make WRC officers transferred to DHS eligible for this salary enhancement. The Department would expect to see an increase in its salary and fringe expenses by \$781,900 GPR annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications