

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-1907/1	Introduction Number	SB-0907	Estimate Type	Original
Description adopting gender-neutral terminology and incorporating gender-neutral marriage and parentage rights					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill recognizes same-sex marriage by making references in the statutes to spouses gender neutral, with the intent of harmonizing the Wisconsin statutes with the holding of the U.S. Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 192 L.Ed.2d 609 (2015), which recognizes that same-sex couples have a fundamental constitutional right to marriage. The bill also recognizes legal parentage for same-sex couples under certain circumstances and adopts gender neutral parentage terminology. The bill also requires some state agencies to adopt gender neutral spousal language.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) does not produce vital records, nor does DOC have administrative code which regulates anything that would be affected if this bill became law. As such, it is estimated that this bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Corrections.

The Department has no information to determine the fiscal effect on local government.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications