

## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 25-2327/1		<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0113	
<b>Description</b> sharing minors' safety plans			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>			
<b>State:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
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<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>			
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<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to develop and maintain a statewide portal to facilitate the sharing of safety plans for a minor in crisis. The safety plans would be available to safety plan partners who could support a minor during a crisis. Under the provisions of the bill, a safety plan is defined as an individual's written document, created in advance of a crisis, that provides guidance on how to help the minor when the minor experiences a behavioral or developmental health challenge or crisis.

Under the bill, individualized safety plans can be developed for minors who are at risk of encountering law enforcement or other emergency service providers during a behavioral or developmental health challenge or crisis. Facilitators would help minors develop their safety plans, which can include any of the following: the minor's name; their address or addresses; what it looks like when the minor feels unsafe or needs assistance; de-escalation strategies that work for the minor; contact information for the minor's parent or guardian, health care provider, and individuals who can provide emotional support to the minor; what the minor would like officers or first responders know; or other any other information that the minor believes is important. Once a safety plan is developed and signed by the minor and the facilitator, it would remain valid for one year after the signing date.

The bill would allow safety plans to be shared with a safety plan partner, provided the minor signs a release stating they understand the safety plan: will be used to ensure the safety and well-being of the minor by the safety plan partners; the safety plan can be revoked at any time except during a crisis; the safety plan will be shared through a portal and accessed by all safety plan partners; the safety plan could be accessed by other networks during a crisis; and the release of information will be attached to the minor's safety plan until the plan expires or is revoked. The release of information must identify all current safety plan partners at the time it is signed. The facilitator is responsible for ensuring the minor understands these provisions at the time the minor signs the release.

This bill defines safety plan partners as individuals who are part of a safety plan network. A safety plan network consists of two or more persons who form a network for the purpose of sharing the safety plans of minors who are at risk of an encounter with law enforcement, or other behavioral or developmental health challenges or crisis. These networks can include systems of care, physical or mental health providers, county department of human services, county department of social services, schools, school districts, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services providers, tribal agencies, Milwaukee County's child welfare services, 911 dispatchers, and 988 suicide and crisis call centers. Once a network is formed, the safety plan partners will enter into formal agreements that address the safety plan partner's safety expectations, such as their obligations, training requirements, and roles in the network.

The bill requires DHS to either develop and maintain a statewide portal or make payments to the state's electronic health information exchange to develop and maintain a portal to facilitate safety plan sharing between partners. Under the provisions of the bill, the portal must include: the ability to fill out and download the safety plan for signature; a safety plan template developed by DHS; simplified views of the safety plan for law enforcement officers; the capacity to support individuals who need access to the plans based on their roles in the system; the ability to increase capacity and integrate with other systems; compliance with federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability standards; the ability to provide notifications to the facilitator and minor when their safety is about to expire, when accessed, or when other activity occurs with the plan; and safety plan audit data.

The Department does not have the resources or staff available to develop the platform required by the bill and would contract with a service provider for development, maintenance, and support. To sign up for similar cloud-based platform services, vendors typically require the Department to pay a one-time, upfront initiation fee, with continued annual licensing costs for the system's lifetime of the system. These continuing costs are usually based on the number of users who access a system. It is unknown both how many individuals would develop a safety plan to submit to their networks as well as how many organizations would become part of a network,

though DHS expects local human services departments would serve as network partners. Typically, start-up costs for a new information system platform are higher in the first year than in following years as the system infrastructure needs to be developed, tested, and implemented.

If the Department were to contract for a system, it would rely on county health service departments to serve as safety plan partners. Contract costs would most likely be based on county population, and are expected be about \$477,000 for the first year of startup and development and \$342,200 annually thereafter to cover the annual costs of hosting the system. These system costs are expected to rise annually, along with the cost of inflation.

This bill establishes a new appropriation to support the costs to establish and host a portal, and provides 1.0 FTE to the Department, but it does not provide any funding to support the bill's provisions. To implement this bill, DHS would need 1.0 FTE Information Services Business Automation Specialist at a cost of \$113,000 GPR annually. This role would provide systems and contract support for counties and service providers.

Under this bill, DHS expects to need \$546,200 GPR in the first year and \$455,200 GPR annually thereafter to establish and host a minor safety portal.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**