## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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LRB Number <b>25-1632/1</b>	Introduction	Number .	AB-008	6			
Description imposing the penalty of life imprisonment for the crime of child trafficking and providing a penalty							
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives SPD 3/13/2025

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Description						
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## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) is statutorily authorized and required to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in criminal and certain commitment proceedings. The SPD plays a critical role in ensuring that the Wisconsin justice system complies with the right to counsel provided by both the state and federal constitutions. Any legislation has the potential to increase SPD costs if it creates a new criminal offense, expands the definition of an existing criminal offense, or increases the penalties for an existing offense.

Assembly Bill 86 would increase the penalty for the crime of trafficking a child if the crime involved at least three victims who were children at the time the crime was committed. Increasing the penalty from a Class C felony to a Class A felony could increase SPD's workload and expenditures. Charges that carry higher penalties are more likely to go to trial, which require SPD attorneys' time and resources, SPD support staff time and resources, and paid experts to be reimbursed by SPD.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications