Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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LRB Number 25-1166/1	Ir	ntroduction Number	SB-0235			
Description criminal trespass at a campground and providing a	a penalty					
Fiscal Effect						
AppropriationsReve	ease Existing	☐ Increase Costs - Ma agency's budget ☐ Yes ☐ Decrease Costs		bsorb within □No		
No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory Permis 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease	sive Mandato	Counties	ernment Units Affec Village Others WTCS Distric	Cities		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS						
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 235 (SB 235) would create a new misdemeanor offense for individuals who enter or remain at a licensed campground without the operator's consent and fail to depart upon written request. Under the bill, law enforcement officers are required to arrest and detain individuals in such circumstances, and landlord-tenant protections under Chapter 704, Wis. Stats., would be made inapplicable to campground occupants and guests.

The District Attorneys are responsible for prosecuting criminal cases, handling state forfeiture actions and traffic violations, cooperating on welfare fraud investigations, as well as participating in John Doe investigations, attending grand jury proceedings, representing the state in criminal appeals, initiating or appearing in civil actions and special proceedings, and enforcing various legal provisions, as authorized and prescribed under Chapter 978, Wis. Stats.

The creation of this new offense may lead to a modest increase in misdemeanor case referrals, particularly in jurisdictions with higher levels of campground activity. However, these cases would be expected to arise infrequently and would be unlikely to significantly affect prosecutorial workload. The District Attorneys expect any additional workload to be absorbable within existing resources and do not anticipate a substantial fiscal impact as a result of SB 235.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications