

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
DCF 56 and 58

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
DOA-2048 N(R03/97)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**Subject**

Kinship care and foster care

**Fiscal Effect**

State:       No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation  
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb  
Within Agency's Budget     Yes     No

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:     No local government costs

1.     Increase Costs  
       Permissive       Mandatory  
2.     Decrease Costs  
       Permissive       Mandatory

3.     Increase Revenues  
       Permissive       Mandatory  
4.     Decrease Revenues  
       Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The rule implements the first two levels of the Graduated Licensing and Levels of Care policy, as directed in 2009 Wisconsin Act 28. This rule establishes the requirements for certification at these two levels of care. A foster home at these two levels is certified based on a number of factors, including the level of knowledge, skill, training and experience of the licensee, the level of responsibilities expected, and the needs of the child. The rule also establishes training requirements for these levels of licensure.

These changes will affect counties and the Department, which operates the child welfare program in Milwaukee County. The fiscal impact of these changes was included in the biennial budget; therefore implementation of these rules is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect.

Additionally, by not implementing the rule, DCF stands to lose a substantial amount of federal revenue. By licensing current court-ordered Kinship Care providers, Act 28 assumes that the Department will be able to claim an additional \$6,524,300 in IV-E revenue as a result of the policy. Without the rule, DCF will not be able to require these providers to get certified and will lose the additional revenue assumed in Act 28.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None

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