



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DHFS 3/25/2008**

LRB Number	<b>07-2891/2</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0856</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Requiring consultation with a child in determining and reviewing his or her permanency plan; requiring agencies, in making reasonable efforts to place a child for adoption, with a guardian, with a relative, or in some other alternative permanent placement, to include efforts to place the child outside this state; requiring juvenile courts to take certain actions to expedite the interstate placement of children; requiring juvenile courts to give a child's out-of-home care provider the right to be heard in proceedings involving the child; requiring health care providers to report cases of infants with controlled substances in their bodily fluids to the agency responsible for investigating suspected child abuse or neglect; authorizing circuit court commissioners to conduct permanency plan reviews and hearings; providing that a juvenile court order is required to change the placement of a child, regardless of whether a hearing is held on the change in placement; requiring a juvenile court order placing a child in the care and placement responsibility of an agency whenever a child is placed outside the home; and eliminating permanency plan determination hearings when a consent decree maintains a child's placement outside the home					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

AB 856 amends current Wisconsin statutes to conform to federal Title IV-E foster care and Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) grant requirements. These amendments are necessary for the state to continue to receive IV-E and CAPTA funds.

Congress's enactment of the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006 and the Child and Family Improvement Act of 2006 altered permanency planning requirements for children and juveniles in out-of-home care placements who receive IV-E funding. AB 856 requires that permanency planning for children and juveniles in out-of-home care include consultation with a child or juvenile during his or her permanency planning hearing and consideration of appropriate out-of-state permanent placement options. If an agency determines that consultation with the child or juvenile would not be age or developmentally appropriate, it must include a statement in the permanency plan explaining this decision. Similarly, if an agency determines not to place a child or juvenile in an available out-of-state permanent placement, it must include a statement in the permanency plan explaining this decision. The documentation of these decisions will require alterations to the state's electronic child welfare record system, eWisACWIS. The Department estimates that the work associated with these alterations will be a one-time cost of \$1800. This expense would be eligible for Title IV-E foster care reimbursement. As a result the expense would be split between GPR (\$1220) and federal IV-E (\$580). The Department can absorb these costs.

The requirement that the permanency hearing include a consultation with the child or juvenile when appropriate could result in a greater number of children and juveniles being present for hearings. As a result, the bill could result in greater workload and transportation costs for county child welfare agencies and, in the case of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare, the Department. It is not possible to estimate these costs. However, any additional workload or transportation costs will be less than the loss of federal revenue that would result from non-compliance with IV-E and CAPTA requirements.

Conditions for the receipt of a CAPTA grant require that a state plan include a requirement that health care providers report to child protective services any finding of controlled substances in an infant's bodily fluids. To comply with CAPTA, AB 856 requires that when an agency receives a report, the agency must provide or arrange for the provision of appropriate services for the infant and infant's mother. As this is the current policy for agencies, no fiscal impact is expected from this provision.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
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  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  \$1,800 AF (\$1220 GPR, \$580 FED) in one-time costs for alterations to eWiSACWIS system to record required information.		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs      Decreased Costs	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	State	Local

NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>			
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