Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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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.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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