

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
SPD 5/2/2011

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Description Costs of administering tests for intoxication		

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 major 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.

This bill does none of the above. Although some SPD clients would be assessed costs associated with acquiring a blood sample and administering a blood test or analysis ordered by law enforcement in OWI-related offenses, it would have no affect on the SPD agency itself.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications