

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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LRB Number 13-3891/2	Introduction Number AB-0922	
Description Creating a pilot program to provide civil legal services for veterans who are residents of Milwaukee, Chippewa, Eau Claire, or Dunn county, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.485(rm)		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The cost of this program is indeterminate due to the unknown number of veterans that would use the service. However, based on the Department's estimated populations for the counties mentioned in the bill, approximately 64,649 veterans would be eligible for the legal services outlined in the bill. Based on an estimated \$100 dollar per hour rate, the theoretical cost for providing these services could be \$6,464,900 if each veteran used just one hour of service. It should be noted that there are several avenues that already exist that are designed to provide legal assistance to Wisconsin veterans. Waupaca County has established a legal assistance program, the State Public Defender has the Veterans Intervention Program, the American Bar Association has the Military Pro Bono Project and the Marquette and UW law schools offer free help to qualifying veterans. There is also several treatment courts throughout the state focusing on helping veterans with alcohol, drug and mental health issues.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications