Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

☑ Original ☐ Updated	Corrected	Supplemental		
LRB Number 17-2239/1	Introduction Number A	AB-0331		
Description expungement of records of certain crimes				
Fiscal Effect				
State: No State Fiscal Effect Indeterminate Increase Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Appropriations Create New Appropriations	s Increase Costs - M e Existing within agency's but	lay be possible to absorb dget \Boxed No		
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease	Mandatory Towns	☐Village ☐Cities☐Others☐		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS				
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives DA 6/7/2017

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Prosecutors indicated this legislation would require significant time to respond to petitions for expunging a crime after sentencing. In order to respond to a petition to expunge a crime, prosecutors would need to locate and review old case files and records to prepare for additional hearings at which they would likely relitigate the facts of the case and review the petitioner's probation performance.

In addition, prosecutors indicated defendants may wait to petition for expungement until they have a new criminal case filed against them, sometimes in a different jurisdiction, in order to modify their new criminal complaint downward. Others indicated defendants may try to petition and re-petition to have their convictions expunged as the law allows this to be done every two years.

Further, prosecutors said additional work will need to be done by victim-witness coordinators to provide notice to victims if a petition for expungement is filed (as required by Wis. Stat. ch. 950).

For the reasons mentioned above, the fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The long-range fiscal implications of this legislation are indeterminate.