

### Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 17-3278/1	<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0355
<b>Description</b> neglect of a child and providing criminal penalties	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations                 </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues                 </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                     </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                 </div> </div>	
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">                 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                  2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory             </div> <div style="width: 30%;">                 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             </div> <div style="width: 30%;">                 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  <input type="checkbox"/> Towns      <input type="checkbox"/> Village      <input type="checkbox"/> Cities  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties      <input type="checkbox"/> Others  <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts      <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts             </div> </div>	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

CTS 8/23/2017

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<b>Description</b> neglect of a child and providing criminal penalties					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the definition of and changes the criminal penalty structure for neglect of a child, with penalties ranging from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony, depending on the type and severity of the injury to the child. The bill also creates a new crime of repeated acts of neglect of the same child, with penalties ranging from a Class H to Class B felony. The range of the new crime also varies depending on the type and severity of the injury to the child.

To determine the impact of this bill on required judicial resources, we have relied on the Wisconsin Judicial Workload Assessment 2016, submitted to the Director of State Courts by the National Center for State Courts. For this study, all Wisconsin judges and court commissioners participated in a time study designed to measure the time currently spent processing different types of cases from initial filing to final resolution. According to the study, felony cases took 197 minutes of judicial time. For purposes of comparison, the same study found misdemeanor cases took 39 minutes of judicial time.

It is impossible to predict how many such crimes will be filed in the circuit courts. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs of this proposal, and how those costs will be divided between the state and the counties, is impossible with the data available.

This bill may result in greater usage of county jails, if more persons are prosecuted and are sentenced to time in the county jail rather than state prison. These costs are borne by the counties. An accurate estimate of the change in costs is impossible with the data available.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications