

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 12/29/2017

LRB Number	17-4925/2	Introduction Number	AB-0785	Estimate Type	Original
Description funding for child abuse and neglect prevention grants					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a new grant program within the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) budget administered by the Department of Children and Families that would be available to counties, nonprofit organizations, and tribes to fund child abuse and neglect prevention services. The purpose of the grant program is to encourage innovative practices aimed at reducing the contact that families have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. A total of \$500,000 TANF is provided in each year of the biennium for this purpose. Grant recipients are required to provide 9.89% of the grant amount in matching funds. The department is required to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant program in achieving its stated goals and by June 30, 2021, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, submit a report on the evaluation to the appropriate standing committees.

Currently, the TANF budget includes \$6,282,500 in SFY 18 and \$7,314,300 in SFY 19 for safety and out-of-home placement services. The purpose of these funds is to ensure the safety of children who the department or a county determines may remain at home if appropriate services are provided, and for services provided to families with children placed in out-of-home care. In other words, for those families that have already come in contact with the child welfare system in the state. Counties are required to provide a percentage in matching funds. These funds are available to counties and tribes.

Additionally, the TANF budget includes \$5,289,600 in each year of the biennium for prevention services. Under this allocation, prevention services include \$4,712,100 in each year of the biennium for evidenced-based home visiting services and \$577,500 for the Brighter Futures Initiatives, targeting services to youth for the prevention of out-of-wedlock births, substance abuse, and mental health issues. These prevention funds are available to counties, nonprofit organizations and tribes.

Administrative costs associated with the grant program and its evaluation may be absorbed by the Department. The fiscal effect of this bill, therefore, is to allocate \$500,000 TANF from the balance of TANF funds in each year of the biennium. Under 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, the TANF balance in SFY 18 is estimated at \$200.9 million and at \$135.8 million in SFY 19.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The TANF structural deficit under Act 59 is estimated at \$60 million. This bill would increase the structural deficit by \$500,000.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2017 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	500,000	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$500,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED	500,000	
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$500,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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