

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-1871/1	Introduction Number	SB-011 (JR7)	Estimate Type	Original
Description mental health training program and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to provide trainings on the screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment program (SBIRT), an evidence-based strategy related to addressing mental health issues in schools, to school district personnel and independent charter school personnel.

The Department has partnered with DHS to create a "train the trainer" model to implement SBIRT in schools statewide. Currently, there are five certified SBIRT trainers, operating under the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools (WISH) Center. Multi-day sessions are used to train school staff (usually pupil services professionals) to conduct screenings of students suspected of having mental or behavioral health challenges. Additionally, the educators are prepared to conduct brief interventions, consisting of three to four sessions that last 15 to 30 minutes each. The training regimen includes taped simulations critiqued by certified trainers. Program evaluation by DHS demonstrates positive results.

This bill creates a new appropriation providing \$100,000 GPR in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$100,000 GPR in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department to establish a mental health training support program under which the department provides SBIRT training.

The Department estimates SBIRT training costs of \$5,000 per training session which would allow for 20 sessions annually. Each training session would be capped at 30 participants.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications