



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-2968/1	Introduction Number	SB-226	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> the authority for counties to enter into contracts to perform child protective services functions					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows county departments of human services or social services (county departments) or, in Milwaukee County, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enter into contracts with other counties to perform certain child protective services. This bill also specifies that contracts must be approved by DCF. Finally, this bill allows a county department to designate a child welfare agency to perform independent investigations.

State approval processes for county contracts would be done within existing DCF staff resources. Any eWISACWIS (Wisconsin's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System) changes needed for approved county contracts would be accommodated within existing DCF resources.

Possible costs and/or savings to counties cannot be determined at this time because counties would enter into contracts for child protective services at their discretion. Possible costs and/or savings at the county level would depend on the scale and complexity of the multi-county contracts they choose to create. Depending on the type of contracting arrangements, changes to county technical systems could be required. Under the bill counties may experience savings by structuring service delivery in a more cost efficient manner.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications