

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 19-4999/1	Introduction Number AB-0744
Description throwing or expelling a bodily substance at a public safety worker or prosecutor	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the categories of persons who may be ordered to undergo testing for communicable diseases if there is probable cause to believe that there was potential for transmitting a communicable disease to the victim of a crime. This bill allows a court to require such testing for any criminal defendant who throws or expels blood, semen, vomit, saliva, urine, feces, or other bodily substances at or toward a public safety worker or a prosecutor.

Based on court records, it is estimated that about 250 persons are charged each year with a violation of s. 941.375(2), Wis. Stats., the statutory violation that is being added by this bill. Under the terms of the bill, any person charged with this crime would be allowed a hearing before the court could order testing by a health care professional.

Additional court proceedings could be generated under the terms of this bill, but it is impossible to predict whether every case would require the hearing provided by s. 968.38(5). Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. It is expected that existing court staff would be able to absorb any additional costs.

The bill does not specify who is responsible for paying the cost of testing, if it is ordered under s. 968.38(5), but it does appear the court has the authority to tax those costs against the defendant, pursuant to s. 973.06(1)(h).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications