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2019 BILL

AN ACT ***to create*** 13.0976 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring economic impact statements on certain legislative proposals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that if a legislative proposal directly or substantially affects any of the following, DOA must prepare an economic impact statement on the proposal within 30 days of the proposal's introduction: crimes or criminal penalties; first class cities; primary or secondary education; public benefits; local government procurement policies; or probation, parole, or extended supervision. The economic impact analysis must contain information about the economic effects of the proposal on racial groups, economic classes, and gender groups. The bill further provides that the economic impact statement must contain a finding on whether the proposal has a disparate impact on any racial groups, economic classes, or gender groups.

Under the bill, a proposal that requires an economic impact statement must have that requirement noted on its jacket when the jacket is prepared. In addition, under the bill, when a proposal that requires an economic impact statement is introduced, the LRB must submit a copy of the proposal to DOA.

Finally, the bill provides that no proposal that requires an economic impact statement may be passed or adopted by either house until DOA has prepared the economic impact statement and the economic impact statement has been distributed to the legislature.

For further information see the ***state*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.0976 of the statutes is created to read:

13.0976 Economic impact statements on proposals. (1) In this section:

(a) "Department" means the department of administration.

(b) "Proposal" means a bill, resolution, or joint resolution.

(2) (a) If a proposal is introduced in either house of the legislature that directly or substantially affects any of the following, the department shall prepare an economic impact statement on the proposal within 30 days of the proposal's introduction:

1. Crimes or criminal penalties.

2. First class cities.

3. Primary or secondary education.

4. Public benefits.

5. Local government procurement.

6. Probation, parole, or extended supervision.

(b) The department may request any information from other state agencies, local governments, or other organizations that is reasonably necessary for the department to prepare the economic impact statement.

(c) After a proposal has been drafted, the legislative reference bureau shall inform the requester if an economic impact statement is required when it submits the draft to the requester. A proposal that requires an economic impact statement shall have that requirement noted on its jacket when the jacket is prepared. When

a proposal that requires an economic impact statement is introduced, the legislative reference bureau shall submit a copy of the proposal to the department.

(d) The economic impact statement shall be printed as an appendix to the proposal and shall be distributed in the same manner as amendments.

(3) The economic impact statement shall contain information about the economic effects of the proposal on racial groups, economic classes, and gender groups. The economic impact statement shall contain a finding on whether the proposal has a disparate impact on any racial groups, economic classes, or gender groups.

(4) No proposal that requires an economic impact statement may be passed or adopted by either house until the department has prepared the economic impact statement and the economic impact statement has been distributed to the legislature.

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