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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
 LRB #3260/1 Bill #AB0432

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA 2048 (R 11/90)

Subject

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation

Or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs-May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget

Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs **See Attached**

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns Villages
 Cities
 Counties
 Others _____
 School Districts
 WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

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**Fiscal Estimate
LRB #3260/1 — Bill AB 432**

Current Situation

All students who attend a Wisconsin technical college may choose to audit a course. Auditing permits a student to register and attend classes. Auditors are not required to complete class assignments or take examination. Audited courses appear on a student's transcript, but do not count toward credits required for degree completion. WTCS institutions typically require students who audit courses to pay the same tuition and fees required of students who are taking the course for credit. State statutes (s. 38.24 (1m) b *Wis. Stats.*) currently exempts students 62 years old and over from tuition and fees for Vocational-Adult courses. All students, regardless of age, are exempted from tuition and fees for instruction in adult basic education and English as a Second Language.

Recent Patterns of Enrollments in WTCS Institutions by Age and Fee Code

AGE	Headcount, 1996-97		Headcount, 1997-98	
	COLLEGE PARALLEL/ POSTSECONDARY	VOCATIONAL-ADULT	COLLEGE PARALLEL/ POSTSECONDARY	VOCATIONAL-ADULT
Less than 60	135,461	234,349	135,806	239,458
60 to 61	530	2,863	512	2,961
62 & over	1,493	13,995	1,454	14,631
Total	137,484	251,207	137,772	257,050

AGE	Total Credits, 1996-97		Total Credits, 1997-98	
	COLLEGE PARALLEL/ POSTSECONDARY	VOCATIONAL-ADULT	COLLEGE PARALLEL/ POSTSECONDARY	VOCATIONAL-ADULT
Less than 60	44,543.56	3,777.08	45,060.47	3,867.65
60 to 61	40.99	41.34	42.83	42.61
62 & over	103.70	395.52	100.25	407.91
Total	44,688.25	4,213.94	45,203.55	4,318.17

Proposal

AB 432 would further exempt all Wisconsin residents 60 years of age or over from the tuition and fees charged to audit a course if space is available in the course and the instructor approves.

Fiscal Estimate Assumptions

There is no way of knowing how many Wisconsin residents would take advantage of this proposal to audit technical college courses without cost. This fiscal estimate is based on the following assumptions:

All persons served under this would be slotted into courses on a space available basis only. WTCS institutions would not be required to provide additional capacity to serve any additional students under this proposal.

Additional costs to serve slotters 60 years of age and over as auditors would be minimal.

No funds are allocated in the proposal contained in AB 432 to pay for either the additional costs of serving any additional students or the tuition and fees that are no longer collected from the persons 60 years of age or over auditing a course.

Initially, as residents 60 years of age and over became aware of the expanded possibility of auditing a broader range of technical college courses, enrollments in this age group might increase. Enrollments in this age group are small and any enrollment increases could be expected to change this small segment of the technical college population only marginally.

WTCS institutions would lose no tuition revenue under this proposal. The WTCSB is required by statute (s. 38.24 (1m) *Wis. Stats.*) to set tuition and fees to recover not less than 14% of postsecondary and vocation-adult operational costs and 31% of college parallel operational costs. Therefore, the statutory requirement for tuition setting would result in the costs of the associated foregone tuition and fees being apportioned to the tuition charges of fee-paying students.