## Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number <b>05-3543/1</b>	Introduction Number	SB-351
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Individual income tax credit for college savings ar	nd tuition amounts	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DOR 10/17/2005

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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Wisconsin allows a deduction of \$3,000 from federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) for contributions made to an EdVest account, if the beneficiary is one of the following: the claimant, the claimant's dependent, the claimant's grandchild, the claimant's great-grandchild, or the claimant's niece or nephew.

This bill would create two nonrefundable individual income tax credits for amounts contributed to EdVest. The credit would equal the amount of contributions multiplied by the taxpayer's marginal tax rate. The bill refers to EdVest I and EdVest II; however EdVest I is no longer active according to the EdVest program even though it is still referenced in the statutes. Therefore, the fiscal effect of this bill on EdVest I is zero. Contributions to EdVest II, now known only as EdVest, up to \$3,000 would be used to claim an individual income tax credit. According to the EdVest program, there are approximately 100,000 existing accounts as of August 31, 2005, averaging \$2,100 per account. Assuming an average annual contribution of \$2,100 and a marginal tax rate of 5.5%, this bill could result in a revenue loss of approximately \$11.6 million (100,000 x \$2,100 x 5.5%). Because the credit is nonrefundable, and the full amount will not likely be claimed by all, the revenue loss is reduced by 20% to \$9.2 million (\$11.6 million x 80%).

The bill would also allow the credit when the beneficiary is the claimant's child regardless of whether or not the child is also the claimant's dependent. This provision of the bill is expected to result in a revenue decrease; however, the extent of the decrease is indeterminate because the number of divorced and legally separated tax filers contributing money to an EdVest account for their children is unknown.

The Department will incur \$26,363 in annual costs for salary and fringe benefits. All other costs can be absorbed by the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications** 

## **Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session**

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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