



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-4032/2	Introduction Number	SB-495	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Providing services to homeless public school pupils and making an appropriation					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill appropriates funds to the Department of Public Instruction, beginning in FY 09, in order to enable school districts to provide services to homeless pupils. Under the bill, each school district annually receives \$100 for each homeless pupil enrolled in the school district. The money for the grants is a sum sufficient appropriation under proposed section 20.225 (2)(em) of the Statutes. The school district must use the funds to provide services to homeless pupils in order to enable them to attend and succeed in school, and to develop and implement professional development programs for school district personnel to heighten their awareness of, and capacity to respond to, problems in the education of homeless pupils.

State Fiscal Effect: DPI data indicates that in the 2006-07 school year, 202 school districts and four charter schools reported 8,108 homeless students. However, from the 2002-2003 through the 2006-07 school year, the average annual increase of reported homeless students was 13.3%. If this trend continues, there would be 10,408 homeless students statewide in the 2008-09 school year, when this bill takes effect.  $10,408 \text{ students} \times \$100 = \$1,040,800 \text{ GPR}$  in FY 09. The actual amount of aid awarded, however, will depend on the actual enrollment of homeless students.

Local Fiscal Effect: If a district reports enrolling homeless students, it is eligible to receive \$100 per pupil under the bill each year. As noted above, there were 202 districts reporting homeless students in 2006-07; however, the actual number of districts that will be eligible, and the total funds awarded to each district, is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications