

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-2232/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-539</b>
<b>Description</b> Tuition fee remission for certain spouses of eligible veterans	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<b>Local:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>	<b>Authorized Signature</b>
UWS/ Paige Hoffland (608) 263-3307	Freda Harris (608) 262-2734
<b>Date</b>	
3/14/2008	

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

UWS 3/14/2008

LRB Number	<b>07-2232/3</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-539</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Tuition fee remission for certain spouses of eligible veterans					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a spouse, child or unremarried surviving spouse of certain veterans is eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges. This bill adds full tuition remission eligibility to the spouse of an eligible veteran if the veteran died of a service-connected disability or had a service-connected disability that is rated as 100 percent, and if the spouse is eligible for the educational assistance benefits under the federal Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program. The bill provides that a person is only eligible for the full tuition remission for the ten-year period that the original fee remission was based on. Eligibility applies only during one of the following periods: 1.) the first 10 years after the eligible veteran received the service connected-disability rating; 2.) the first 10 years after the spouse becomes eligible for educational assistance under 35 USC 3501-3566; or 3.) the first 10 years after the effective date of this bill, if the spouse was eligible for educational assistance under 35 USC 3501-3566 on that date.

This legislation will greatly broaden the definition of eligible veterans' spouses. Spouses that may not have qualified for remission in the past because they were beyond the ten-year eligibility period, may now qualify with this bill. The University of Wisconsin System cannot estimate additional costs which will be incurred as a result, however, these additional costs should be minimal.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As the cost of tuition increases, the cost of this legislation on the UW-System will also increase.