

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-2672/1	Introduction Number	SB-205	Estimate Type	Original
Description The creation of regional transit authorities and making appropriations					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. The bill is permissive and would allow certain areas to form Regional Transit Authorities if they choose to be able to plan, operate and/or contract for transit services serving multiple municipalities or counties. The bill allows the new RTA to collect up to five-tenths of one percent of additional sales tax for transit within the RTA jurisdiction. This would be new local revenue.
2. No additional local costs are imposed by the legislation. To the extent that new revenue might allow expansion of transit services, some new RTAs might choose to spend additional local revenues on transit services. Some existing local municipal costs related to existing transit could be shifted due to this new regional revenue source.
3. There are no additional costs imposed on WisDOT by this legislation. There would be new costs for WisDOT related to collecting and distributing sales tax revenues to these new regional entities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

To the extent that RTAs choose to utilize available revenues to expand local transit service, WisDOT could experience increased demand for transit operating assistance.