

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-2675/1	Introduction Number	AB-0330	Estimate Type	Original
Description Part-time open enrollment program for public school pupils					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law allows a pupil enrolled in any grade in a public school to attend an educational institution to take up to two courses. "Educational institution" means a public school located outside the pupil's school district of residence, the University of Wisconsin System, a technical college, a nonprofit institution of higher education, a tribal college, a charter school, and any nonprofit organization that has been approved by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The pupil's resident school board may reject an application to attend a course at an educational institution if the school board determines that the course does not satisfy high school graduation requirements or the course does not conform to or support the pupil's academic and career plan. An educational institution may not charge to, or receive from, the pupil or the pupil's resident school district any payment for the course other than the tuition payment determined by DPI for a course at the educational institution.

This bill eliminates these provisions. Under the bill, a pupil enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public school may attend public school outside his or her school district of residence to take up to two courses. The school district in which the pupil resides pays the nonresident school district an amount equal to the cost of providing the course to the pupil, as determined by DPI. The pupil's resident school board may prohibit a pupil from attending a course in a nonresident school district if the cost would impose an undue financial burden on the school district.

State:

There is no fiscal impact on the department.

Local:

It is unknown how many pupils will be attending an "educational institution" under the current part time open enrollment law. It is also unknown what the cost of these classes would be; thus the amount of cost that will not be paid by resident school districts is indeterminate.

Wisconsin Technical College System and UW System campuses may see an indeterminate change in their costs and revenues from offering either dual enrollment or college courses to high school pupils.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications