



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Educational technology, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES

Under current law, the department is required to make online courses available for a reasonable fee to school districts, charter schools, private schools, tribal schools, and CESAs. The bill requires the department to create and operate a program that provides digital learning resources to the same educational entities and also to public libraries.

The Wisconsin Digital Learning Collaborative (WDLC) is a partnership among the department, Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 9's Wisconsin Virtual School, and the Wisconsin eSchool Network. The WDLC provides equitable access to online and blended learning options, meaning students engaged through the web academy offerings remain in and receive credit for their WDLC courses through their locally enrolled district. The collaborative supports districts in utilizing their teachers with digital content to offer blended learning options for district students and provides a robust course catalog with more than 200 courses for both middle and high school level courses in content areas such as English, social studies, science, business, mathematics, elective courses, Advanced Placement courses, and online test preparation programs for college and career readiness exams.

#### State Fiscal Effect:

The bill requires the department to create and operate a program that provides digital learning resources to the same educational entities and also to public libraries. The bill provides the department \$2,500,000 GPR in FY15 for the established program to provide access to digital learning resources.

The bill also requires the department to promulgate rules to implement the program. The cost to promulgate rules is indeterminate and is expected to be absorbed under current budgets.

The overall fiscal impact on the department is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications