

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>15-0898/2</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0001</b>
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**Description**  
 School review system, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes       No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
  - Indeterminate
    - 1.  Increase Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
    - 2.  Decrease Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
  - 3.  Increase Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties     Others
  - School Districts     WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2015 AB 1 addresses school and school district accountability. This fiscal estimate limits itself to the bill's financial impact on the UW System.

The proposed bill affects the UW in three areas: 1) UW representation on the Academic Review Board (ARB), 2) Value-Added Research Center (VARC) alternative testing evaluation, and 3) VARC alternative testing equation.

#### 1) UW Representation on ARB

2015 AB 1 would create the Academic Review Board. The bill requires that one member of the Board be a UW representative nominated by the state superintendent.

Assuming that ARB responsibilities do not preclude the UW representative from fulfilling their UW obligations, this provision has no significant financial impact on the UW.

#### 2) VARC Alternative Testing Evaluation

VARC, which is based at UW-Madison, would be responsible for creating a list of tests that are acceptable alternatives to the examinations approved by the state superintendent. VARC would also have a role in evaluating alternative tests proposed by individual schools.

Due to uncertainty in the construction of the bill, VARC could not provide a meaningful cost estimate for this provision. The number of alternative tests that individual schools are likely to propose for evaluation is also unknown.

#### 3) VARC Alternative Testing Equation

Under the bill, VARC would also statistically equate achievement data from alternative tests with scores on examinations adopted by the state superintendent.

VARC could not provide an estimate of the cost of this provision. Additionally, the potential breadth of alternative test adoption among individual schools is unknown.

The bill does create an appropriation to fund VARC's costs under this provision. If fully funded, this provision would have no fiscal impact on the UW.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications