

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-2618/1	Introduction Number AB-0314
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Fiscal Effect

State:

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

Local:

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

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB-314 changes requirements for Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) by reducing the number of scholarships to compensate for raising the amount of the award to 50% of tuition and fees at public higher education institutions such as WTCS colleges (rather than the current maximum exemption from tuition and fees of up to \$2,250 per student annually.) The bill also increases the required high school GPA requirements, establishes a minimum ACT score of 30 to qualify for the award and establishes a tax credit for AES recipients to use for five years (1/5 per year) after they graduate from college if they continue to be WI residents.

Colleges are required to provide 1/2 the cost of the AES scholarship under the current bill (up to \$1,125 per award) and would be required to provide awards up to 50% of tuition and fees under the bill. In 2013-14, 45 students used their AES scholarship at a WTCS college at a local cost of \$27,000 statewide. Based on past usage of the AES scholarship at WTCS colleges, the fiscal impact of changes in the bill on WTCS colleges is indeterminate but is not likely to be significant in either increasing or decreasing college costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications