

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-2202/3	Introduction Number	AB-0224	Estimate Type	Original
Description grants for education and training of allied health professionals and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB-224 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to distribute grants to hospitals, health systems, and educational entities that form health care education and training consortia for allied health professionals. The bill creates a separate appropriation of \$250,000 annually for this purpose. The bill limits the amount DHS may distribute each year to a single consortium to \$125,000, with a preference to rural hospitals, health systems with a rural hospital or rural clinic and rural educational entities. Grant funds may be used for curriculum and faculty development, tuition reimbursement, clinical site or simulation expenses. Recipients of the grants must match the amount of the grant distributed by DHS for the purpose of operating the allied health professional training consortium. The legislation defines the terms "allied health professional", "rural clinic", "rural hospital" and refers to existing statutory definitions for "clinic" and "hospital". No definition is given for the terms "educational entities" or "rural educational entities." DHS is required to determine the requirements for the formation of the health care education and training consortia for allied health professionals.

AB-224 would have no state fiscal effect on the Wisconsin Technical College System Office.

The bill may increase costs for individual technical colleges that become members of an allied health consortia that applies for and receives such a grant, should the consortia require all members to contribute to the required match.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications