

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-2435/1	Introduction Number AB-0160
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Description
 segregated fees for part-time students at University of Wisconsin System schools

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	1(GB) General Program Operations

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description segregated fees for part-time students at University of Wisconsin System schools					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposed bill would require that the amount of segregated fees assessed against part-time students (those enrolled for fewer than 12 academic credits in a semester or session) at UW schools be calculated on a per credit basis.

As the bill is written it does not differentiate between undergraduate students (where less than 12 academic credits constitute a part-time student) and graduate students (where less than 8 or 9 academic credits constitute a part-time student). If 12 academic credits in a semester or session is intended to also include graduate students at the same amount as undergraduate students each campus would see a significant decrease in their graduate segregated fee revenue. The fiscal impact including graduate students is unclear until there is further clarification on the legislative intent of "part-time students" and whether graduate students could have different part-time segregated fees.

In order to provide this estimate, data and input were collected from the UW System institutions for undergraduate students.

This proposed bill would have no impact undergraduate segregated fee revenue at seven of the four-year UW institutions: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater or at the branch campuses.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Six four-year UW institutions would see varying degrees of impact. A brief description of the impact at each follows:

UW-Madison

In 2012, UW-Madison convened a committee to study the issue of charging segregated fees to part-time students. Prior to that point, segregated fees were charged on a per-credit basis. UW-Madison discovered that part-time students were accessing services such as bus passes, recreational facilities and health services at similar rates as full-time students.

As a result of this study, UW-Madison moved to a flat fee for some programs and a combination flat fee plus a per credit amount for others. Organized activities (student government, grants to student organizations and student radio) are all flat-fee. The bus program and recreation sports are a combination of flat fee and per credit. The remainder of segregated fee activities are charged per credit which plateau at 12 credits.

This proposed bill would impact UW-Madison with an annual estimated reduction of \$496,800 in segregated fee revenue.

UW-Milwaukee

UW-Milwaukee has an 8 credit plateau for segregated fees and charges a flat fee (fixed) portion regardless of number of credits to cover programs and services that are more likely to be used without regard to credit load. These activities include Athletics, Student Health, Children's Learning Center, UPASS Student Bus Pass, Recreational Sports/Facilities, and Union/Union Capital projects.

The per credit (variable) portion of segregated fees covers those services that are more likely to vary based on a student's course load and/or time on campus. Those services include UPark, Office of Student Life, Student Association Professional Staff, Center for Student Involvement, and BOSS (Be on the Safe Side) Safety Shuttle.

This proposed bill would impact UW-Milwaukee with an annual estimated reduction of \$4.5 million in segregated fee revenue.

UW-La Crosse

UW-La Crosse has a seven-credit plateau for segregated fees. Any student registered for seven or more credits pays the full-time segregated fee rate. Students enrolled for one to six credits pay a per-credit rate and are entitled to use all the services funded by segregated fees.

The seven-credit plateau was established following an assessment of the utilization of the segregated fee funded services by part-time students. The study found that students taking 6 to 11 credits had a similar use of the segregated fee services when compared to full-time enrolled students at 12 or more credits.

This proposed bill would impact UW-La Crosse with an annual estimated reduction of \$200,000 in segregated fee revenue.

UW-River Falls

While most of the segregated fees for UW-River Falls are currently charged on a per credit basis, the Student Health Services fee and the ID Card fee are charged at a flat fee. All students are issued an ID card and have access to health and counseling services regardless of credit load. The segregated fees plateau at 8 credits.

This proposed bill would impact UW-River Falls with an annual estimated reduction of \$80,000 in segregated fee revenue.

UW-Stevens Point

Most of the segregated fees at UW-Stevens Point plateau at 6 credits each semester per credit. Health Services and Municipal Services fees plateau at 5 credits and the Green Fund is a flat rate regardless of credit.

This proposed bill would impact UW-Stevens Point with an annual estimated reduction of \$500,000 in segregated fee revenue.

UW-Superior

At UW-Superior, every student (full-time or part-time) pays a flat fee (base amount) equal to 75% of the semester rate of segregated fees. Students then pay a per credit rate for each credit that is taken until the 12 credit semester plateau has been reached.

This proposed bill would impact UW-Superior with an annual estimated reduction of \$100,000 in segregated fee revenue.