

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
WTCS 1/15/2020

LRB Number 19-4955/1	Introduction Number AB-0689	Estimate Type Original
Description tuition and fee remission for certain veterans and their dependents enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill modifies the residency requirement for the Wisconsin GI Bill which provides certain veterans, their spouses and children remission of tuition and fees at Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) districts.

The Higher Education Aids Board reimburses WTCS districts and University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Institutions for tuition and fees that have been remitted for certain veterans, spouses and children. State appropriations have been inadequate to reimburse the colleges for the total tuition and fees that are remitted to students under this program. Due to the lack of funding, WTCS districts are using other resources to pay for the cost of remissions. The chart attached shows the number of recipients over the last five years, the total amount reimbursed by HEAB and the local cost being absorbed by the districts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The state currently appropriates \$6.5 million dollars to reimburse both the WTCS and UWS for the Wisconsin GI Bill. If this legislation is enacted, WTCS Districts would see an increase in the number of recipients for the Wisconsin GI Bill. If state funding for the Wisconsin GI Bill remains at its current funding level, WTCS districts would continue to see an increase in costs at the local level.

Attachment for LRB#19-4955-1 AB-689

Year	Veterans, Spouses and Children	Total Remission & State Supplemental	State Reimbursed	Difference/Local Costs
2015	1,945	\$ 5,351,838.98	\$ 1,667,848.13	\$ (3,683,990.85)
2016	1,810	\$ 5,335,167.19	\$ 1,630,403.38	\$ (3,704,763.81)
2017	1,855	\$ 5,478,944.74	\$ 1,780,142.64	\$ (3,698,802.10)
2018	1,789	\$ 5,198,621.53	\$ 1,649,786.06	\$ (3,548,835.47)
2019	1,832	\$ 5,354,352.05	\$ 1,687,409.11	\$ (3,666,942.94)