

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-1169/1	Introduction Number	AB-0038	Estimate Type	Original
Description exempting veterans and members of the armed forces from admissions application fees at University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would create an application fee exemption for veterans and members of the U.S. armed forces applying for admission to UW System schools or technical colleges or to any program offered at the school or technical college.

The act would first apply to applications received for the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The UW System does not have information on the number of veteran applications submitted. For the purpose of this estimate, it is assumed that the percentage of veterans versus non-veterans applying for admission is the same as the percentage of veterans versus non-veterans that are admitted. Based on this assumption, there would be 2,200 veteran applications annually. Application fees are currently waived at 10 UW System institutions. Once the current fee waiver period ends, the application fee will be \$25 at all institutions except Madison. At \$25 per application, this would be a loss of admission fee revenue of \$55,000 annually.

This estimate does not include graduate students, as admissions data for this population is not collected centrally. Additionally, this estimate does not account for any increase in veterans applications that might occur if the fee is waived.