

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

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- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Introduction # Assembly Bill 768

Admin. Rule #

Subject
State aid for special education and school age parents programs

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
 Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs:

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Under current law, aidable costs incurred for special education by school districts, cooperative educational service agencies, county children with disabilities education boards and certain charter schools are to be fully reimbursed by the state, subject to availability of funds. In the 2000-01 school year the department estimates that most of the aidable costs (salaries of special education instructional staff, transportation, the salaries of psychologists and social workers, and room and board) would be reimbursed at approximately 35.2%. Costs of special education for children in hospitals and convalescent homes would be fully reimbursed.

In the 2000-01 school year, this bill provides for most aidable costs for special education to be reimbursed by the state at the rate of 63%, subject to availability of funds. Assuming the Wisconsin Act 9 appropriation of \$315.7 million for aids for special education, the department estimates that the reimbursement would be prorated at approximately 35.8%. The bill also provides that the salaries of school psychologists and social workers would be reimbursed at 51% and the costs of special education for children in hospital and convalescent homes would be fully reimbursed. Due to limited availability of funds, the salaries of psychologists and social workers would be reimbursed at 29.02% and the costs for room and board would be reimbursed at 56.9%. The bill would maintain a 100% reimbursement rate for the costs of special education for children in hospitals and convalescent homes.

State Fiscal Effects:

There are no state fiscal effects.

Local Fiscal Effects:

The reimbursement rate changes for the various special education costs under the bill may have slight redistributive effects among school districts. However, the total amount of special education and school age parent program aid distributed to school districts statewide would not change.

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