

**FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM**

**1999 Session**

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**LRB #0616/1**  
**Introduction #Senate Bill 76**  
**Admin. Rule #**

**Subject**  
School Uniforms

**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  
  
 Decrease Costs

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

Local:  No local government costs

**Indeterminable**

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   

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

SEG-S

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:**

Current law authorizes a school board to adopt rules pertaining to the dress of pupils. This bill requires a school board to adopt a policy that requires pupils enrolled in the school district (including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district) to wear a uniform in school. The policy may allow a parent or guardian to exempt his or her child from the policy. The school board must give parents and guardians at least six months written notice before implementing the policy and must assist economically disadvantaged pupils to purchase the uniforms.

Costs to local districts are related to the assistance that they must give to economically disadvantaged pupils to purchase uniforms. Costs for uniforms will vary depending what component-oxford shirts, blazers, dress pants, jumpers- school boards recommend as uniforms. A uniform package of three shirts, two pairs of shorts, a belt, and a pair of pants or skirt is available from Ibiley School Uniforms for approximately \$80. Lands End's director for children's uniforms reports that components may range from \$19 to \$75. In 1998, the Title 1 program identified 133,700 low-income pupils in Wisconsin. Depending on the level of financial assistance that school districts would offer economically disadvantaged pupils, costs could be as much as \$10,696,000 (133,700 pupils X\$80). However, it is unknown how many economically disadvantaged pupils may be exempted by their parents or guardians. Therefore, these costs are indeterminable.

It is assumed that school districts would be able to absorb any costs related to adopting a school uniform policy and providing written notice to parents and guardians.

There is no state fiscal effect as a result of this bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications:**

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