

**FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM**

**1999 Session**

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**LRB # 1999 3778/2**

**Introduction # 1999 SB 394**

**Admin. Rule #**

**Subject**

Foreign language immersion grants; world geography fund

**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**  
s. 20.255 (2) (ac)

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

**Foreign Language Immersion Grants**

This bill creates a foreign language immersion grant program to be administered by the department of public instruction. The bill creates a new GPR appropriation totaling \$350,000 in 1999-2000 and \$750,000 in 2000-01.

State Fiscal Effect

The new GPR appropriation is a new categorical aid appropriation to be included in the calculation of two-thirds funding of partial school revenues. While categorical aid would increase by \$350,000 in 1999-2000 and \$750,000 in 2000-01, to maintain the two-thirds funding level, GPR general equalization aid would be reduced by \$116,700 in 1999-2000 and \$250,000 in 2000-01. This assumes that the bill would be signed into law by May 15 so that the legislative fiscal bureau, state budget office and the department could include this change in their estimate to the Joint Committee on Finance of two-thirds funding for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

There will also be costs to the agency associated with developing rules to define "educational organization" and to administer the program. The costs are not determinable.

Local Fiscal Effect

New revenues to school districts could total up to \$350,000 in 1999-2000 and \$750,000 in 2000-01. Grants may be awarded to "educational organizations." Any school districts that are awarded grant funds will have increases in revenue that are outside their revenue limits. It is not possible to predict how many districts will receive grants, the size of those grants, or the number and dollar amount of grants awarded to other "educational organizations." If all additional revenues went to school districts, the net effect could be statewide increases in property tax levies of \$116,700 in 1999-2000 and \$250,000 in 2000-01. This assumes that the bill would be signed into law by May 15 so that the legislative fiscal bureau, state budget office and the department could include this change in their estimate to the Joint Committee on Finance of two-thirds funding for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

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**Long-Range Fiscal Implications:**

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## **Geographical Education Fund**

This bill requires the department of public instruction to enter into an agreement with the National Geographic Society Foundation to establish the Wisconsin geographical education fund to award grants and to support programs to improve geographical education in Wisconsin. The agreement would require the department and the foundation each to make an initial grant of \$500,000 to the fund and the foundation to submit to the department an annual financial audit statement of the fund.

### State Fiscal Effect

The bill would create a new GPR appropriation, s. 20.255 (3), with an appropriation of \$500,000 in FY 2000-01. The bill provides that no moneys may be encumbered under the paragraph creating the fund after June 30, 2001.

There will be some additional costs to the department associated with administration of the grant program.

### Local Fiscal Effect

The bill will increase revenues to school districts that receive grant awards funded by the income and appreciation of the fund. The bill does not provide limits on the size of individual grant awards.