

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 1999 LRB-4699/1

Introduction # 1999 SB 475

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Pupil assessments and private schools participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program

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

ss. 20.255 (1) (a) and 20.255 (1) (dw)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This bill would require private schools participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program (MPCP) to administer the tests that public and charter schools are required to administer – the Wisconsin Reading and Comprehension Test (WRCT or 3rd grade reading test), the Knowledge and Concept Examinations (WKCE) in the 4th, 8th and 10th grades, and the high school graduation examination.

For purposes of this estimate, current year numbers have been used. In 1999-2000, there are estimated to be 8,104 pupils (headcount) in the MPCP. Of those, 751 pupils are in the 3rd grade, 696 in the 4th grade, 463 in the 8th grade, 177 in the 10th grade, 105 in the 11th grade and 64 in the 12th grade. Therefore, the total number of students that could be tested is 2,256. Assuming each student took the appropriate test and took it only once this year, and assuming an administration cost of \$10 per student for the WRCT and WKCE and \$11 per student for the high school graduation examination, the total cost would be approximately \$22,800. Funding for the WRCT in the amount of \$7,500 would have to be drawn from the s. 20.255 (1) (a) appropriation and funding for the WKCE and the high school graduation examination in the amount of \$15,300 would have to be drawn from the s. 20.255 (1) (dw) appropriation.

The bill also requires charter schools and schools participating in MPCP to comply with the state's open meetings and public records laws. Additional costs to the state and to the schools would be based on individual acts of noncompliance. The number and nature of those acts cannot be predicted, therefore the costs are indeterminable.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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