

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

LRB # -2552/1

ORIGINAL

UPDATED

Introduction # SB 241

CORRECTED

SUPPLEMENTAL

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Children at risk program – focusing funding on specific programs for high school students at risk of not graduating

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

Decrease Costs

Create New Appropriation

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities

2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

Counties Others _____

School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

s. 20.255 (2) (bc)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This bill refocuses the current funding of the children at risk program on children at risk of not graduating from high school. The bill changes the program name; changes the definition of "children at risk;" retains the current level of funding at \$3.5 million, but requires school districts to specify the amount given to each program based on the program's ability to meet specified statutory objectives; requires a school board to give preference in allocating funds; provides specific definitions of "alternative school" and "school within a school"; makes participation by a district permissive for any school district that had 30 or more dropouts or a dropout rate that exceeded 5 percent of its total enrollment in the previous school year; modifies the allowable size of the Milwaukee programs to require at least 30 pupils (rather than 40) and no more than 250 (rather than 200); modifies one of the statutory objectives to be met to receive an additional 10% of the district's average per pupil aids, by providing that the criteria would also be met if the pupil has passed the high school graduation examination; modifies another of the objectives to provide that the pupil has demonstrated a gain in reading and mathematics commensurate with the duration of his or her enrollment in the program; and provides that by January 1, 2005, the legislative audit bureau shall audit the programs funded under the children at risk program to determine the extent to which they meet the objectives specified in statute.

State Fiscal Effect

There will be no state fiscal effect. The appropriation amount remains unchanged. DPI will incur minimal costs associated with staff time in making changes to reporting forms.

Local Fiscal Effect

School districts may incur significant costs and staff time associated with reprogramming information systems to make changes in tracking data and in measuring achievement of objectives. The costs are indeterminable.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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