

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 9/24/01

LRB Number 01-3037/2	Introduction Number AB-496	Estimate Type Original
Subject		
College tuition vouchers for students who play taps at a military honors funeral		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

According to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, 2,978 military honors funerals were held last year (9/1/00 - 8/31/01). The DVA does not have prior year data. Taps were performed at each of these services. However DVA does not have an estimate of the proportion of services at which taped music was used versus a live performance. Moreover, DVA does not keep a list of persons who perform Taps at military funerals. There is no provision in the proposed legislation directing voucher recipients to a particular postsecondary school or any provision to limit the use (set a maximum) of vouchers in any one postsecondary system.

WTCS's estimate of the potential impact of AB 496 assumes, therefore, that all military honors funerals include a live performance of Taps, that all providers of said performances receive and redeem a \$25 tuition voucher, and that a maximum of 3,000 vouchers would be redeemed at WTCS institutions each year. This assumption does not attempt to calculate the variance in voucher redemptions from year to year.

In addition, WTCS's estimate assumes that the voucher program would actually be administered by another agency (DVA) and that agency would be charged with the responsibility of designing and producing vouchers that could not be duplicated or forged. WTCS also assumes that the administering agency (not WTCS) would have the responsibility of creating a system by which colleges and universities could easily verify the validity of vouchers submitted for redemption.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Maximum cost to WTCS districts: approx. 3,000 vouchers issued * \$25 = \$75,000 annually.
Maximum lost tuition revenues to WTCS districts = \$75,000 annually

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FFD		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$\$75,000
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$\$75,000
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