

**Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session**

- Original       Updated  
 Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number - 2287/2	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number Assembly Bill 173	Administrative Rule Number

**Subject**

Relating to pupil assessments and to 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 Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

- Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget.  
 Yes       No  
 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. Type 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 Chapter 20 Appropriations**

20.255 (1) (dw)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill provides that the governing body of a private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) adopt and administer the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test, the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations, and the High School Graduation Test with the same prohibitions against graduation and promotion that are imposed upon school boards and Milwaukee charter schools.


**State Fiscal Effects:**

The department estimates that the annual cost of administering state assessments to pupils in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program would be as follows: \$13,500 for the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Exam, \$27,000 for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination and \$24,000 for the High School Graduation Examination. The total cost of providing these state assessment would be \$64,500.

**Local Fiscal Effects:**

There would be no local fiscal effects on local school boards; however, under this bill private schools participating in the MPCP may incur costs associated with providing and training proctors, providing test security, and/or accommodating pupils with special needs.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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