

**Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session**

- Original       Updated  
 Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number LRB-1873/1	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number Assembly Bill 50	Administrative Rule Number

**Subject**

Requiring certain school boards and districts to provide Internet management software or services on computers connected to the Internet.

**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. 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 Chapter 20 Appropriations

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**


This bill requires school districts that wish to apply for assistance under the educational telecommunications program (TEACH Wisconsin) to provide Internet filtering software on their computers. The bill also would make state law consistent with federal regulations concerning Internet filtering.

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was signed into law on December 21, 2000. The law requires that schools that receive certain federal discounts (ESEA Title III, LSTA, or E-Rate) for Internet access, Internet service, or internal connections, must block or filter all access to "visual depictions" that is harmful to children. The department estimates that nearly ninety percent of public school districts (383 districts) currently receive federal funds from these programs. Nearly seventy percent of school districts (298 districts) currently employ at least some filtering.

The annual cost to districts to purchase Internet filtering through WiscNet ranges from \$540 for districts that have between 1 and 99 workstations to \$4,500 for districts with 500 to 999 workstations. Districts with over 1,000 workstations can expect to pay approximately \$5 per workstation.

It is unknown how many districts without Internet filtering software will apply for assistance from TEACH Wisconsin programs, and thus would be affected by this bill. Therefore, the local fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminable.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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