

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Audit bureau study of Milwaukee parental choice program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The cost of a longitudinal study employing a random sample of School Choice participants and a comparable control group of Milwaukee Public School students cannot be accurately estimated at this time. Costs will be influenced by the process used to solicit and evaluate the study design proposals; the size and scope of the design ultimately selected, which will contain the sample of students to be tested; and the uncertainty of the administrative costs that will be incurred by both the Milwaukee Public Schools and the Legislative Audit Bureau. Based on the Legislative Audit Bureau's experience with a longitudinal study of Wisconsin's Learnfare program in the 1990s, costs of the proposed study of the Choice program could be in the range of \$250,000 to \$350,000 annually. Costs for the first two years of the study could be somewhat lower because of the time necessary to solicit and evaluate study design proposals, and to select the independent contractor who will conduct the research.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications