



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 9/16/2003

LRB Number	03-2006/1	Introduction Number	AB-505	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Subject</b>					
Aggressive driving and driver education instruction					

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1. Enactment of 2003 AB 505 would create a penalty enhancer for persons convicted of violating three or more specified traffic offenses within a single course of conduct. In addition to any penalty imposed for the distinct offenses, a person who violates three or more of seven specific offenses outlined in AB 505 during a single course of conduct would be required to attend a traffic safety school and will have his or her operating privilege suspended.
2. Enactment of 2003 AB 505 would also require driver education courses offered by technical college districts and other providers to acquaint each student with the hazards posed by aggressive, hostile, or violent driving (including "road rage") and to provide instruction in safely dealing with such hazards.
3. Current law requires all driver education courses offered by technical college districts to acquaint each student with the hazards posed by farm machinery and animals on highways and by railroad grade crossings and to provide instruction in dealing safely with such hazards.
4. Only two Wisconsin technical college districts; Southwest and Western Wisconsin, provide driver education programs. Both Southwest and Western Wisconsin technical college are primary providers of driver education programs for high school students in their geographic regions.
5. The WTCS provides traffic safety school programs under contract with the DOT. Student fees finance the program.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

1. Enactment of AB 505 would require driver education courses offered by technical colleges to include new curriculum on the hazards posed by aggressive, hostile, or violent driving (including "road rage") and to provide instruction in safely dealing with such hazards. There would be relatively minor costs associated with the development and delivery of this curriculum in technical college drivers education courses. The new curriculum could extend the time required of students to complete the driver education course, thereby increasing the cost to students.
3. Enactment of AB 505 could, potentially, increase the number of students ordered by the court to attend traffic safety school and thus, increase the number in these courses offered by technical colleges.