

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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LRB Number 03-3878/2	Introduction Number AB-742
Subject	
Background investigations and other qualifications for school bus drivers and drivers of alternative school vehicles (school vans)	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.395(5)(cq)	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

AB742 relates to background checks for transporters of school pupils as follows:

- Requires DMV to perform background checks on School Bus drivers every four years compared to every eight years under current law and to keep a record of the date the check was completed.
- Requires school boards and districts to perform background checks for any drivers transporting pupils who don't have a school bus endorsement.
- Requires any driver transporting pupils to report any crashes, criminal convictions or driver licensing actions against them and creates a forfeiture for failing to report.
- Requires employers and contractors of pupil transporters to keep records for their drivers.
- Requires background investigation in previous state(s) of residence for drivers who have lived in Wisconsin for less than 2 years, allows the department to collect fingerprints as part of the investigation and authorizes the department to collect a fee for the investigation.
- Increases the fee for obtaining a school bus endorsement by \$5.
- Modifies the types of driver record and criminal offenses that make a person ineligible to obtain a school bus endorsement and/or transport pupils and requires the department to promulgate a rule specifying additional eligibility criteria.
- Requires DMV to modify license application to allow drivers to declare if they are on the Abuse Registry maintained by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) and requires the department, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), DOJ, and DHFS to study the costs and benefits of automating the checking of this registry.

COST SUMMARY

\$103,200 One-time cost increase for modifications to driver licensing systems.

No ongoing cost increase for additional FTE.

\$10,000 ongoing cost increase for additional background checks to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

\$10,000 ongoing revenue increase for collection of additional fees for school bus endorsements. This money is appropriated to DMV.

Indeterminate ongoing revenue increase for collection of background check fees.

Indeterminate ongoing local cost increase for school boards and districts to perform background checks.

BASIS FOR COST ITEMS

Modifications to DMV's automated systems to generate notifications for drivers every four years requires an estimated 132 days of programming at \$560 per day plus \$222 per day CPU usage (132 days @ \$782 = \$103,224).

We estimate any increased workload will be offset by efficiencies gained with modifications to automated systems.

Checking each school bus applicant every four years will generate an additional 2000 background checks per year. DOJ charges DMV \$5 per check (2000 background checks @ \$5 each = \$10,000).

We estimate DMV issues 2000 licenses with school bus endorsements each year. This bill increases the fee for the endorsement by \$5 (2000 endorsements @ \$5 each = \$10,000).

We have no reasonable way of estimating the number of school bus endorsement applicants who have lived in Wisconsin for less than two years. Therefore, we have no way of estimating how many background check fees DMV would collect.

We have no reasonable way of estimating the number of non-school bus endorsed drivers schools may use to transport pupils. Some school districts already require background checks for these individuals. Therefore we have no way of estimating the additional costs to school boards and districts for conducting background checks.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 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):			
\$103,200 One-time cost increase for modifications to driver licensing systems.			
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	10,000	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$10,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	10,000	
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		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	10,000	
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$10,000	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$10,000	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$10,000	\$
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