

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2412/2	Introduction Number AB-246
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Subject
 Technical college curriculum for health occupations

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <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 type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 3/21/2005

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, AB 246 would mandate that the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board develop curriculum for each health occupation program offered by the technical college districts and ensure that each district board adopt it. In addition, AB 246 mandates that the WTCS Board establish admission standards for health occupation programs, applicable to all technical college districts. The WTCS Board would be mandated to develop the curricula and admission standards required under AB 246 by the first day of the 60th month beginning after the effective date of the bill.

AB 246 provides no funding for curriculum development or admissions standards development.

The estimated cost of curriculum development for one WTCS health occupation 3 credit course is approximately \$4,000. A health occupation program includes 60 to 70 credits.

There are 39 approved health occupation programs offered by the WTCS. This number does not include 9 paramedic and emergency services programs offered by the WTCS.

Under WTCS operating policies, WTCS health care course curriculum is developed through a collaborative process – initiated by WTCS faculty, staff, or program advisory committees including employers.

The WTCS Board approves curriculum for all courses offered in the WTCS.

Through internal discussion and negotiation, the WTCS has established statewide curriculum for the majority of its 39 health occupation programs.

Wisconsin technical college district boards are statutorily responsible for operating the technical colleges. Program admission standards are established by the technical college district boards to ensure program and occupational requirements are balanced with individual student and community needs.

The establishment of program admission standards for health occupation programs, applicable to all technical college districts, would be a new responsibility for the WTCS Board.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If enacted, AB 246 would result in indeterminate cost increases to the technical college districts and to the System Office for a five year period. These cost increases would result because AB 246 would require the WTCS Board to develop:

- 1) uniform curriculum for all health occupation programs without providing additional resources for this purpose; and
- 2) uniform admissions standards that accommodate the divergent student and community needs of the 16 technical college districts without providing additional resources for this new responsibility.