

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-1357/1	Introduction Number	AB-250	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Study of state school financing					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a six-member task force, with members appointed by the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the majority and minority leaders in each house of the legislature, to study cost-based methods of financing elementary and secondary education in Wisconsin, as recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Educational Excellence in its final report. The Governor's Task Force recommended "a 'cost out' study to define what constitutes a sound, basic education and how much it costs to provide it."

The Governor's Task Force estimated that this study would cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and recommended that "to the extent that state funds are limited, other sources of funding, such as private gift or foundation grants, could be sought for the study." However, it should be noted that the bill provides for no source of funding to finance this study. Furthermore, the bill does not provide that an individual or organization be responsible for determining the number of meetings, meeting locations, reimbursement to members' costs, technical requirements, and several other general logistical issues associated with administering this task force.

The bill directs the task force to submit a report to the governor and the legislature within one year.

State fiscal effect:

The fiscal effect on the state is indeterminate as the many logistical decisions related to administering a task force are unknown.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications