

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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**LRB Number 05-2498/2**      **Introduction Number AB-317**

**Subject**

Exempting veterans and dependents from tuition at UW and tech colleges

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
  - Increase Existing Revenues
  - Decrease Existing Revenues
  - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    - Yes
    - No
  - Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
  - Indeterminate
    - 1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
    - 2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

If enacted, AB 317 would exempt spouses, unremarried surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans from tuition and fees at UW System and WTCS institutions.

The WTCS imposes tuition and fees to recover a portion of the costs of providing WTCS educational programs. These learner fees, along with state aid and property tax revenues are the WTCS major revenue sources.

The number of WTCS fee and tuition exemptions that would be granted under AB 317 is unknown.

AB 317 does not provide GPR to fund the proposed exemption. The State does provide GPR funding for a WTCS tuition and fee remission for the spouses and children of slain correctional officers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, ambulance drivers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty in this state [s.20.292(1)(am)].

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

AB 318 would exempt an indeterminate number of WTCS students from tuition and fee costs. Since AB 318 does not provide GPR to offset this tuition and fee revenue, the annual cost of providing tuition and fee remission to spouses, unremarried surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans would be funded by other WTCS revenue sources: non-veteran student tuition and the property tax.