

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

**LRB Number** 05-4036/1      **Introduction Number** AB-879

**Description**  
 Eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of certain veterans

**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**  
**WTCS 12/14/2005**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

AB 879 expands the eligibility created in 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (the 2005 Budget Act) for tuition remission for spouses and children of veterans who attend one of the 16 WTCS colleges. Wisconsin Act 25 provides full remission to spouses, children or surviving spouses of veterans who entered service while a Wisconsin resident and who while a resident died or incurred a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more.

AB 879 expands eligibility by authorizing the exemption for spouses, surviving spouses and children of veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more if the veteran lived in Wisconsin for at least 10 continuous years before the student registers.

WTCS colleges impose tuition and fees to recover a portion of the costs of providing WTCS educational programs. These learner fees, along with state aid and property taxes, are the major college revenue sources.

The number of WTCS fee and tuition exemptions that might be granted under AB 879 is unknown. AB 879 does not provide GPR to fund the proposed exemption thus the remissions would create a mandatory cost increase for WTCS colleges but would not have a state fiscal effect.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The number of WTCS fee and tuition exemptions that might be required under AB 879 is unknown. However, because AB 879 does not provide GPR to offset the tuition remissions authorized by the bill, WTCS colleges would be required to fund the annual cost of providing the remissions from other sources: non-veteran student tuition and local property taxes. As a result, the remissions provided under AB 879 would increase local costs and decrease local revenue.