

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-0411/2 **Introduction Number** SB-272

Subject
 Public libraries; organization and funding

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect

Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget

Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No

Create New Appropriations 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**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill would extend to adjacent counties the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes Section 43.12 (the 70% minimum reimbursement responsibility) for use of public libraries by individuals whose municipalities do not maintain their own library. The first year of payments under this section would be 2007 because the statutory deadline is past for libraries to claim a 2006 payment for 2004 service. This provision does not require that local library services be increased, but instead requires that intergovernmental (county) reimbursements be made for existing services. This may result in either a redistribution of existing county library funds or, for some counties, an increase in library costs, but the exact level or how funds may be redistributed is indeterminate.

Sections 5, 6 and 7 establish three additional library system membership requirements. Public libraries are not required to participate in a library system, but assuming all libraries will want to continue membership, a very limited number of municipalities may need to increase support. In 2004, 5 (of 387) libraries did not meet the "10 hours for certified library director" requirement. Estimated total annual cost for these 5 libraries to meet this membership requirement is \$19,800. In 2004, 9 were not open 20 hours per week. Estimated total annual cost for these 9 libraries to meet this membership requirement is \$52,300. In 2004, 13 libraries spent less than \$2500 on library materials. Estimated total annual cost for these 13 libraries to meet this membership requirement is \$11,100. Total estimated local cost for these three sections on the 22 affected libraries is estimated at \$83,200 (or an average of \$3,800 for each of those 22 libraries).

Section 10 would allow a public library system board to adopt a plan requiring that, as a condition of library system membership, participating public libraries compensate other member public libraries for inter-municipal direct lending (reciprocal or crossover borrowing) of library materials. Not every system will require this and there is no minimum required reimbursement formula, so the actual potential cost is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications