

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Eligibility for tuition fee remission for family members of certain veterans					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a spouse, child, or unremarried surviving spouse of certain veterans is eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges. For the spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, or child to be eligible, the veteran must have entered service while a resident of this state and either died while on duty or incurred a service-connected schedular disability that is rated as 30 percent or more.

This bill adds fee remission eligibility to the spouse or child of a veteran, who is neither disabled nor has died in the line of duty, if the veteran is a resident of this state and was a resident of this state for at least 15 continuous years before the student registers.

This will greatly broaden the definition of eligible veterans' spouses and children. The University of Wisconsin System cannot estimate additional costs which will be incurred as a result. However, these additional costs will be substantial.

The original estimate provided by the University System was incorrect and based on the understanding that disability/death would still be a requirement.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If the number of Wisconsin veterans increases and as tuition increases, these costs will also grow.