



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**WTCS 3/22/2010**

LRB Number <b>09-0156/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0847</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> child care worker loan repayment assistance, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

AB 847 creates a new child care worker loan repayment assistance program for which the Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) is responsible.

The WTCS provides two child care training programs: a one-year technical diploma program in child care services and a two-year associate degree program in early childhood education. Only WTCS students who earned an associate degree in early childhood education on after May 1, 2009 would qualify for the loan repayment program created by AB 847.

According to the most recent WTCS graduate follow-up report, 329 students graduated with an associate degree in early childhood education. Under AB 847 these students would qualify for reimbursement of 10% of their outstanding student loan principal or \$1,000 (whichever is less and depending on availability of funds) after being continuously employed full-time in Wisconsin for at least 12 months as a child care worker. WTCS early childhood education graduates would continue to qualify for the annual reimbursement for a maximum of five years.

Although the program affects WTCS early childhood education graduates, AB 847 creates no impact on the WTCS as it assigns responsibility for administering the program (including promulgating rules) to HEAB.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

AB 847 creates no long range fiscal implications for the WTCS. However, if the number of WTCS early childhood education graduates is maintained or increases and there are not corresponding increases in the GPR funding provided to HEAB, WTCS graduates might receive less 10% of their outstanding principal because of funding shortages.