

### Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

**LRB Number** 09-0943/1      **Introduction Number** SB-018

**Description**  
Fee remissions for certain University of Wisconsin System and technical college students.

**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 2/10/2009

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<b>Description</b> Fee remissions for certain University of Wisconsin System and technical college students.					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Section 38.24(5), Wis. Stats., provides remission of fees for technical college students whose spouse or parent was killed in the line of duty while working as (or who dies from a qualifying disability resulting from working as) an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or law enforcement officer.

SB 18 eliminates the age requirement that the student must be the child of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who is under age 21 or before the child was born. Instead, the changes in SB 18 mean there are no age restrictions on when the children of those killed in the line of duty qualify for remission of technical college fees. Students would, however, continue to be limited to no more than three consecutive years of remission.

Under current law, \$14,300 in state funds are available to reimburse WTCS colleges for these remissions. To date in 2008-09, WTCS colleges have remitted tuition for 6 students at a cost of \$5,283. Seven students qualified for this fee remission in 2007-08 using the entire \$14,300 available. Six students received the remission in 2006-07 at a cost of \$12,496. In 2005-06, 2 students received this remission at a cost of \$1,972.

Eliminating the current age restrictions could increase eligibility for remission and thus, the need for additional state funding. The WTCS could not absorb increases in remission beyond the \$14,300 currently available through state funding.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If remission requests increase dramatically or other changes affect the length of time that students qualify for this remission, additional state funding will be required.