

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 09-4710/2		Introduction Number SB-708	
Description Authorized foods under the food stamp program; a deductible and coinsurance under BadgerCare Plus; a minimum copayment and maximum child care hours under Wisconsin Shares; drug testing for eligibility for public assistance; eliminating income eligibility requirements for enrollment in a private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program; changing eligibility requirements for persons or families of low and moderate income to receive, directly or indirectly, certain housing, housing assistance, grants, loans, or benefits from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, the Department of Commerce, and local housing authorities; consideration of the income and assets of a person for purposes of receiving low-income energy assistance; consideration of the income and assets of both parents of a student under 22 years of age for purposes of awarding a grant or scholarship to such a student; prohibiting new claims under the earned income tax credit; increasing the individual income tax personal exemption for dependents; granting rule-making authority; and providing a penalty			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG 20.505(1)(mb) & 20.505(3)(q) and ((3)(r)	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Administration (DOA) operates the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) which helps qualified low-income households pay home heating costs. Households with less than 60% of the statewide median income are eligible as are households in which all residents receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Supplemental Security Income.

SB-708 would change the eligibility standards for the WHEAP program. Households with assets exceeding \$2,000 in equity value or those having more than \$10,000 equity value in a vehicle would become ineligible.

As it is currently structured, the WHEAP program is strictly a low-income program with no asset test for eligibility. SB-708 would require a fundamental change in the structure of the program and the data collected during the application process. Because DOA currently does not collect or maintain any asset data for program participants, it has no way to quantify the fiscal impact of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.