

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-0584/3	Introduction Number	SB-022	Estimate Type	Original
Description Creating a Charter School Authorizing Board, providing additional charter school authorizers, eliminating the limit on the number of pupils who may attend virtual charter schools, modifying teacher licensure requirements, eliminating the limit on the reduction in general school aid used to fund independent charter schools, covering certain charter school employees under the Group Insurance Board health coverage plan for local government employees, allowing a charter school to elect to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows a cooperative educational service agency to establish an independent charter school, creates a Charter School Authorizing Board (CSAB), specifies the CSAB's makeup, and changes other provisions of current charter school law.

The bill also allows every charter school under contract with the CSAB to provide health care for its employees under the Group Insurance Board's (GIB) local government plan, and provides for a charter school's governing board to elect participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), though its employees are not local or state government employees.

The Office of State Employment Relations (OSER) has no expertise on which to base any commentary about this bill's provisions. It can neither predict future activity as it relates to the creation of new charter schools under the bill, nor comment on any future charter schools' governing boards' decisions relative to GIB Health Insurance and/or WRS participation for its employees, as allowed for under the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.