

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 13-1701/3	Introduction Number SB-307	Estimate Type Original
Description Traffic violations resulting in harm to vulnerable highway users, driver education instruction, and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 307 creates an additional requirement for the information that must be included in driver education courses that are created by Wisconsin technical colleges and submitted for course approval to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTC) State Board.

The bill creates the new requirement that all driver education courses approved by the WTC System Board include at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with hazards posed by motor vehicles to vulnerable highway users. The bill defines vulnerable highways users as: pedestrians; bicyclists; operators of mopeds or motor bicycles; an operator of or passenger on, an animal-drawn vehicle, farm tractor, farm truck tractor, farm trailer or implement of husbandry; someone using inline skates or riding a horse or play vehicle; law enforcement officers, traffic officers, fire fighters, or emergency medical technicians while they are performing their official duties; or someone rendering medical or emergency assistance to another person.

The new requirements would require modifications to existing driver education curriculum at the six technical colleges that offer basic driver education courses. Local colleges would be required to address the costs of curriculum modifications and incorporate the changes to ensure that they are available to courses that begin after the effective date of the bill, which is the first day of the 4th month after publication.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If additional colleges developed curriculum to offer basic driver's education courses, they would be required to include the additional educational requirements as part of their curriculum development. Including the additional requirement in new curriculum development would not create long-range fiscal implications.