

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

UWS 6/15/2015

LRB Number	15-2261/1	Introduction Number	SB-188	Estimate Type	Original
Description Transfer of credits to University of Wisconsin System institutions					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Board of Regents to accept all foreign language credits transferred from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (Institute) on behalf of a student who is a current or former member of the U.S. armed forces or of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces and who successfully completed a course of study at the Institute.

UW institutions already accept foreign language credits from the Institute following American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations. However, there are caps placed on how many foreign language credits are accepted by the UW institutions. For example, UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee have caps of 16 and 14 credits, respectively. If SB-188 would require the removal of these caps, there will be an indeterminate fiscal impact.

Here are the two examples from UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee:
https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/apply/transfer/transfer_credit.php
https://www4.uwm.edu/future_students/transfer/credit.cfm

Awarding credits for additional courses may decrease the number of courses the student takes at the institution, and thus reduce tuition revenue for the institution. However, if a place is opened for another student to take that course instead, the revenue impact is minimized.

In general, in order for a revenue impact to occur, the following criteria must be met. 1) The student must have taken and scored satisfactorily in enough foreign language courses to exceed the cap. 2) An equivalent course must exist at the institution. 3) The student must be pursuing a degree in the language in which the credit is sought. If the student is pursuing a degree in a different field, then additional credits are likely to be elective credits and therefore the impact on the student's course of study at the institution is minimized.

The Fall 2014 headcount of all veterans pursuing a degree in a foreign language is 25 throughout the UW System. Assuming that students who attended the Institute are a subset of these 25, this is a good indicator of the upper bound of students who will be affected by SB-188. Due to the small maximum number of students that could be affected, the fiscal effect will be minimal and absorbed by the institutions.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2015 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	\$0
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)	(-0.0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	0	0
Local Assistance	0	0
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0	0
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	\$0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	0	0
FED	0	0
PRO/PRS	0	0
SEG/SEG-S	0	0
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$0	\$0
GPR Earned	0	0
FED	0	0
PRO/PRS	0	0
SEG/SEG-S	0	0
TOTAL State Revenues	\$0	\$0
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0	\$0
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