

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> <b>15-2281/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-228</b>
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**Description**  
 Amount of an academic excellence higher education scholarship, the number of those scholarships that may be awarded in an academic year, the eligibility criteria for those scholarships, and creating an individual income tax credit for certain academic scholarship recipients

**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
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 3.  Increase Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns     Village     Cities
  - Counties     Others
  - School Districts     WTCS Districts

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 9/8/2015

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB-228 changes requirements for Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) by reducing the number of scholarships to compensate for raising the amount of the award to 50% of tuition and fees at public higher education institutions such as WTCS colleges (rather than the current maximum exemption from tuition and fees of up to \$2,250 per student annually.) The bill also increases the required high school GPA requirements, establishes a minimum ACT score of 30 to qualify for the award and establishes a tax credit for AES recipients to use for five years (1/5 per year) after they graduate from college if they continue to be WI residents.

Colleges are required to provide 1/2 the cost of the AES scholarship under the current bill (up to \$1,125 per award) and would be required to provide awards up to 50% of tuition and fees under the bill. In 2013-14, 45 students used their AES scholarship at a WTCS college at a local cost of \$27,000 statewide. Based on past usage of the AES scholarship at WTCS colleges, the fiscal impact of changes in the bill on WTCS colleges is indeterminate but is not likely to be significant in either increasing or decreasing college costs.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications