



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>15-4810/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-784</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Special Transfer Program (Chapter 220)					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill restores the Special Transfer Program (commonly known as Chapter 220), under which the state provides aid to school districts to support voluntary efforts by school districts to reduce racial imbalance through interdistrict and intradistrict pupil transfers. The program was closed to new pupils seeking a transfer after the 2015-16 school year by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55.

#### Local:

By restoring the Special Transfer Program, participating school districts will be able to receive state aid based on the number of pupils transferred in the prior school year. Integration aid is treated as a deductible receipt for the purpose of calculating a district's shared costs that are aided through the equalization portion of the general/equalization aid formula. This means that integration aid offsets shared costs and reduces the level of costs aided through the equalization component. This will result in a redistribution of aids in the general/equalization aid formula, not just for those districts that are eligible for integration aid, but also for other districts in the state. Because the number of participating school districts, or the extent to which this program would continue to be used, are unknown at this time, the local fiscal impact as a result of this bill is indeterminate.

#### State:

This bill reverses the phase out of the Special Transfer Program under 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. Because the bill does not modify appropriations, there would be no fiscal impact on the state.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications