Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

☒ Original   ☐ Updated   ☐ Corrected   ☐ Supplemental

LRB Number 17-3387/1	Introduction Number AB-0313

Description
resident technical college fees for individuals receiving benefits transferred under federal law by active duty uniformed service members

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

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

☐ GPR   ☐ FED   ☐ PRO   ☐ PRS   ☐ SEG   ☐ SEGS

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 313 makes a technical change that expands the definition of military personnel and veterans who qualify for resident (rather than non-resident) tuition. Under the change, the spouses and dependents of active duty personnel qualify for resident tuition if they receive transferred military benefits. This change is needed to ensure compliance with federal law.

It is unclear how many people may take advantage of this expanded eligibility for resident tuition. To the extent that additional students qualify for resident tuition rather than non-resident tuition, WTCS colleges could see a decline in tuition review.

However, unless Wisconsin's complies with federal law in making this change, WTCS colleges will lose federal tuition revenue paid to the colleges for serving military personnel as of July 1, 2017. Last year, WTCS colleges received $5.3 million in federal tuition payments for serving veterans and their eligible spouses and dependents.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications