

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-4694/1	Introduction Number AB-0659
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Description
 University of Wisconsin and technical college tuition remissions for and grants to support foster care and other out-of-home placement students and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory 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
<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
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 659 proposes to create a foster care remission program for the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and University of Wisconsin System (UWS).

Under the bill, WTCS districts are required to provide full remission of fees to individuals who were placed in foster care or other placement outside his or her home and enroll in a technical diploma or associate degree program.

The legislation appropriates \$120,000 to Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to award grants which shall not exceed \$30,000 to the WTCS and UWS.

The proposal appropriates \$410,000 to the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) in each year of the 2019 – 2021 budget biennium. Both the WTCS and UWS are required to report at the end of each semester to HEAB the number of students who received remission under this program. Upon approval, HEAB shall reimburse both systems the full amount of fees remitted. If the funds appropriated are not sufficient, HEAB shall prorate the amounts in the proportions to the funds available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If full funds are not reimbursed, WTCS districts will have to use other resources to pay for the cost of remissions that are not covered by the state appropriation. This will increase local costs.