

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

UWS 5/3/2019

LRB Number	19-2420/1	Introduction Number	SB-165	Estimate Type	Original
Description transferability of courses between the University of Wisconsin System, technical college system, and tribally controlled and private colleges					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes changes to requirements under current law regarding the transferability of credits between certain institutions of higher education. Under currently law, the UWS and the Technical College System Board (TCSB) are required to enter into an agreement that no fewer than 30 credits in core general education courses are transferable.

The bill eliminates this agreement and requires instead that the UWS and the TCSB enter into an agreement in which beginning in 2020-21, credits for courses in different subject areas are transferable, which may include core general education courses. There may not be less than 75 credits or nine credits for each course subject area, whichever is greater, that are transferable. The agreement must establish policies for faculty to identify courses with transferable credits. The agreement must be revised every two years.

Under the bill, the agreement and list of courses must be submitted to JCF for passive review no later than December 31, 2019. Additionally, any revision of the agreement to decrease the number of transferable credits must be submitted to JCF for passive review.

College-ready courses already transfer from technical colleges to four-year institutions. This bill would likely require technical school classes such as welding, auto technician, or other technical skilled coursework to transfer to a four-year degree.

The fiscal impact is unclear.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications