

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	19-3804/1	Introduction Number	SB-342	Estimate Type	Original
Description uniform course numbering and the transfer of course credits among technical colleges and University of Wisconsin System schools, and eliminating certain restrictions on the respective educational roles of the University of Wisconsin System and the Technical College System					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Board of Regents and the TCS Board to implement a universal course numbering and credit transfer system within five years, under which credits for courses with the same universal course number are automatically transferable among UWS institutions and technical colleges. If a UWS institution or technical college offers a course, the UWS institution or technical college must award academic credit to a student who successfully completes a course with the same universal course number at any other UWS institution or technical college and the course credit awarded must be applied toward degree requirements, as applicable.

This bill also eliminates the following prohibitions relating to the respective educational roles of the UWS and the TCS: 1) that the Board of Regents not broaden the UWS's mission to include training for semiprofessional or skilled-trade occupations beyond that offered during the 1972-73 academic year unless the TCS Board approves; and 2) that the TCS Board not broaden TCS collegiate transfer program offerings beyond those in existence during the 1972-73 academic year unless the Board of Regents approves.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate at this time, though it is expected that there will be increased costs related to the infrastructure needed to implement the provisions in the bill.