

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 5/6/2021

LRB Number	21-1964/1	Introduction Number	AB-0294	Estimate Type	Original
Description technical college fees covered by the Wisconsin GI Bill					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, an individual who is eligible for the WI GI Bill receives remission to cover the cost of tuition and fees when they enroll in a program at a Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) District or a University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Institution. The Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) is annually appropriated \$6,496,700 to reimburse the WTCS and UWS for the WI GI Bill program.

The proposed legislation requires a technical college district to also remit the student activity and incidental fees for eligible individuals who receive the Wisconsin GI Bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In FY2020, WTCS districts remitted \$4,285,675 and was reimbursed \$617,086 by HEAB for the WI GI Bill program. WTCS districts are absorbing 86% of the Wisconsin GI Bill program.

Under the proposed legislation, WTCS districts would have remitted an additional \$266,000 and would be required to absorb the increase.