

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-4649/1	Introduction Number	AB-0564	Estimate Type	Original
Description reports concerning state agency expenditure of federal coronavirus relief funds and allocating federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding for grants to school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools for mental health programs					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill applies to:

- All state agencies (defined as any and all bodies in state government created or authorized to be created by the Wisconsin Constitution or any law).
- All Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) received by the state from the federal government in connection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. For DPI, this means all three rounds of ESSER funds, GEER funds (those that were allocated to K-12 schools), and EANS for private K-12 schools, as well as the additional federal funding under LSTA (libraries) and IDEA (special education) that were authorized under various CRF legislation.

The bill requires all state agencies that submit status updates and/or reports for federal CRF monies to the federal government to: 1) submit the update and/or report to the Joint Committee on Finance (upon reporting to the federal government), and then post the update and/or report on its website in an easily accessible manner.

The bill also requires the governor to allocate at least \$100,000,000 to DPI for grants to school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools (all), for mental health programs. This would be a carve out of the CRF monies under ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). Prior to awarding grants, the governor and DPI must jointly submit a report to JCF that includes: 1) the total amount of CRF received by DPI and by school districts, ICS, and private schools, including the amount received by each district/school; 2) a description of how the CRF moneys described were spent, and 3) the amounts remaining "unspent". DPI must post a copy of this report to its website in an easily accessible manner.

Local Fiscal Impact: indeterminate. The bill ultimately provides \$100 million FED in total for schools for mental health programs, but allocations to individual districts are unknown. This funding would be one-time.

State Fiscal Impact:

This bill addresses federal funds only; therefore, there is no impact on the state's general fund,

Long-Range Fiscal Implications