

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-5005/1	Introduction Number	AB-0663	Estimate Type	Original
Description farm to fork grants, farm to school grants, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB-663 provides additional funding to the Wisconsin Technical College System for state aid to Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges. The bill increases the state aid appropriation s.20.292(1)(d) by an additional \$13,000 in funding for FY2021-22 and an additional \$14,000 in funding for FY2022-23. State aid is distributed to the 16 technical colleges based on a statutory formula.

In addition, SB-649 creates a new "farm to fork" grant program, similar to the existing farm to school program, at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The purpose of the new program is to connect entities that are not school districts and that have cafeterias with nearby farms to provide locally produced fresh produce, dairy, etc. A list of eligible projects under the new grant program include a) creating, expanding, or renovating facilities, including purchases of equipment for the facilities and b) providing, expanding, or promoting training for food service personnel, farmers, and distributors. Many of Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges have cafeterias and train food service personnel. However, it is not known how many of the technical colleges would apply for and receive grants under the new program should it be enacted.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications