

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

UWS 10/27/2021

LRB Number	21-4849/1	Introduction Number	SB-635	Estimate Type	Original
Description University of Wisconsin System tuition grant program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would create a new grant program ("tuition promise") administered by the Board of Regents at the UW System. This program would provide grants in the form of "last-dollar awards" to supplement the gap between any scholarships or grants that an eligible student receives outside of this program and the full cost of tuition and segregated fees during either eight consecutive semesters for incoming freshmen or four consecutive semesters for incoming transfer students. Summer terms are not counted in the consecutive semester count, and students may not receive the grants for summer terms. Students eligible for the grants would be new incoming students enrolled in their first bachelor's degree whose household federal adjusted gross income is equal to or less than \$60,000 a year and must be enrolled in an on-campus program at a UW System institution other than UW-Madison. The bill would require the Board to promulgate rules to implement and administer the grant program.

The bill would create an appropriation under 20.285(1)(fv) with \$13,800,000 GPR in the first year of the biennium and \$25,200,000 in the second year.

The bill would first apply to eligible students who initially enroll in an institution in the first fall semester beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The UW System estimates the cost for a tuition promise program such as the one in the bill would cost \$13,800,000 in the first year and \$25,200,000 in the second.