

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-6043/1	Introduction Number SB-981
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Description
 apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship completion awards, career and technical education incentive grants and completion awards, technical preparation programs in school districts and technical colleges, creating an individual income tax subtraction for expenses paid for apprenticeship programs, and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB-981 requires the Wisconsin Technical Colleges System Board (WTCS) to (a) annually publish a list of courses offered to high school students that meet specific criteria, (b) facilitate dual enrollment programs between school boards and technical college district boards for technical college-listed apprenticeship courses, (c) award full or partial technical college credit (i.e., transcribed credit) for the successful completion of an apprenticeship course, and (d) require technical colleges to award advance standing to public high school students who participate in the high school's technical preparation program, including individual courses (e.g., youth apprenticeship courses) under s.38.04(26)(b) and enroll in the technical college district's associate degree program upon graduation from high school.

SB-981 contains provisions that WTCS colleges are unable to implement:

Transcribed credit (i.e., credit awarded to students on their high school transcripts), can only be awarded for the completion of technical college courses (not high school or third-party courses, even if aligned with technical college courses). Further, WTCS does not award partial credit.

Advanced standing college credit awarded to students upon enrollment in the credit-granting college, can only be awarded in offered programs for which the college has previously vetted and aligned the high school course content and rigor. The colleges cannot grant youth apprenticeship courses advanced standing in associate degree programs, unless the technical colleges offer an associate degree that includes that course.

Should SB-981 become law, WTCS colleges will not be able to implement these provisions without jeopardizing their authorization with their accreditation agency. If a college loses its accreditation, it will also lose access to federal funding, including its ability to award need based federal student financial aid. In 2020-21, WTCS colleges awarded over \$204 million in federal student financial aid.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications