



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 4/17/2024

LRB Number	<b>23-4667/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-1189</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> grants for participation in esports competitions and making an appropriation					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a pilot program under which the Department of Public Instruction awards grants to eligible teams for expenses related to participating in esports competitions. Under the bill, an esports competition is an organized, multiplayer video game competition. To be eligible for an esports participation grant, a team must consist of pupils and at least one mentor and must demonstrate to DPI that it will provide matching funds equal to the amount of the grant. Under the bill, DPI must administer the esports participation grant pilot program in the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 school years. Finally, the bill requires DPI to publish a list of grant recipients on its website and to submit a report on the pilot program to the legislature.

State: If all grants funds are awarded this bill would increase costs to the state's general fund by \$250,000 GPR annually beginning in 2024-25 until June 30, 2027. (Under this bill, no monies may be encumbered from this appropriation after June 30,2027).

The Department will likely to incur added costs to create and administer this new grant program. Potential costs include notifying eligible schools about the application process, reviewing grant applications and publishing the list of grant recipients on the DPI website. Since the bill does not provide funding to the department to create and administer the program, the department would need to reallocate existing resources to cover those costs.

Local: Increase revenues

Eligible school districts, charter schools, private schools could receive up to \$10,000 in a single school year. Grant recipients would be required to provide matching funds in an amount equal to the grant amount awarded.

Local: Increased costs:

The number of schools potentially applying for these grants is unknown. The grant amounts requested and the required matching amount are also likely to vary across applicants so the local costs are indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications