

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 11/2/2023

LRB Number	23-1300/1	Introduction Number	AB-0394	Estimate Type	Original
Description a driver education grant program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would have the Department of Transportation create and administer a driver's education grant program. These grants would be given to students that meet the financial requirements for free or reduced lunches under the federal school lunch program and meet other requirements as laid out by the bill.

According to data obtained by the Department, there are approximately 383,000 children in Wisconsin who meet the financial requirements for free or reduced lunches under the federal school lunch program. This data is used as a framework for the assumptions upon which the Department is estimating the number of students the grants could assist. Assuming they are evenly distributed across 12 grades, there are approximately 32,000 children per grade. If this new program only applies to students grades 9-12, the maximum number of potential eligible student applicants would be approximately 128,000 per year. It is unknown what percentage of these students would apply. A review of the driver education schools listed by the Department's Division of Motor Vehicles have a range of prices based on a variety of services. Generally, schools offer a package deal of classroom instruction and 20-30 driving hours with an instructor for a cost ranging from \$450 - \$600.

Under 2023 Wisconsin Act 19, appropriation s. 20.395 (5) (eq) was created so that the Department of Transportation may provide grants for driver's education. According to Act 19, the program's funding of \$6,000,000 will be placed in the Joint Finance Committee's supplemental appropriation and will be available for request by the Department in FY2025 after a program is developed and submitted to the Committee. The release of these funds from the Committee is subject to s. 13.10.

If the \$6,000,000 of funding is provided to the Department, then using the average package cost, between 10,000 and 13,330 students or between 7.8% and 10.4% of those students eligible could receive a grant under this program. If the funding is not provided to the Department or if this bill were enacted before FY2025, there are no Department funds to support the grant program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There are no long-range fiscal implications for the Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): Required IT changes would cost approximately \$100,000 and take nine months to implement.		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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