

### Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> 23-2603/1	<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0891
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**Description**  
 academic and career planning services provided to pupils, requiring the reporting of certain data on college student costs and outcomes, and granting rule-making authority

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes       No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
  - Indeterminate
    - 1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
    - 2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected** **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 1/11/2024

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 891 requires University of Wisconsin System institutions, technical colleges, and private nonprofit colleges to annually collect and report cost and student outcome data. This data is reported to the Higher Educational Aids Board and ultimately made available to high school juniors and seniors. This fiscal estimate reflects costs to technical colleges and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board.

The bill requires technical colleges to collect and annually report to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) all of the following information relating to their undergraduate degree programs: 1) the average salary of the institution's graduates at intervals of one year, five years, and ten years; 2) the average debt of the college's students upon graduation or discontinuation of studies; 3) the college's graduation rate; 4) the college's annual total cost of attendance and average net cost; 5) financial aid available to students; and 6) the 10 most popular degree programs offered by the college. Many of these data points are required to be reported in the aggregate and broken down by major.

The bill creates data collection and reporting requirements and provides authority to HEAB to promulgate rules to create consistent standards and methodology for the reporting of information. Because the standards and methodology requirements set by HEAB administrative rule are not yet known, the fiscal impact on WTCS colleges cannot be determined, but is expected to be significant. WTCS colleges will be required to expand their data reporting deliverables, resulting in increased administrative costs to the colleges. The WTCS currently produces several comprehensive reports on costs and outcomes, including (but not limited to) an annual Graduate Outcomes report and a 5-Year Graduate Follow-Up report. Considering the costs associated with these current reports and factoring in the added data points, frequency, and complexity of the collection and reporting requirements under the bill, WTCS colleges' costs could increase by approximately \$800,000 annually.

In addition to the significant costs to technical colleges, the WTCS Board will incur administrative costs associated with the collaboration and technical assistance that WTCS System office staff will provide to colleges to support their efforts to meet the data collection and reporting requirements under the bill. Approximately 50 additional WTCS staff hours will be needed to support the technical colleges in this work. Costs to the WTCS Board can be absorbed into the agency budget.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications