

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-2009/1		Introduction Number AB-0091	
Description exempting veterans and members of the armed forces from admissions application fees at University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
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 type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" 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

The bill would create an application fee exemption for veterans and members of the U.S. armed forces applying for admission to UW System schools.

Under current law, a student who is a service member must be given priority in registering for courses at UW System schools. A "service member" is defined as a person who has served or is serving on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces.

Under the bill, a UW System school may not charge an application fee to a service member applying for admission or to any program offered at the school.

This act first applies to applications received for the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The UW System does not have information on the number of veteran applications submitted. For the purpose of this estimate, it is assumed that the percentage of veterans versus non-veterans applying for admission is the same as the percentage of veterans versus non-veterans that are admitted. Based on this assumption, there would be 2,200 veteran applications annually. Application fees are currently waived at 10 UW System institutions. Once the current fee waiver period ends, the application fee will be \$25 at all institutions except Madison. At \$25 per application, this would be a loss of application fee revenue of \$55,000 annually.

This estimate does not include graduate students, as application data for this population is not collected centrally. Additionally, this estimate does not account for any increase in veterans applications that might occur if the fee is waived.