



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> University of Wisconsin System and technical college tuition remissions for and grants to support foster care and other out-of-home care placement students and making an appropriation		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate refers to the Department of Children and Families' (DCF's) assumed responsibilities under this bill to provide grants to University of Wisconsin System (UW) institutions and technical colleges within the Technical College System for programs that support former foster youth and to the impact on DCF for tuition remission for eligible youth formerly placed in out-of-home care.

If signed into law, the bill would create an annual appropriation under s. 20.235 (1)(fx) of \$410,000 (GPR) to the Higher Educational Aids Board and requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and technical college district boards to grant tuition remission to certain eligible students who were formerly placed in out-of-home care. The funding is likely to reduce the direct financial burdens that prevent such youth from attending post-secondary education and completing such a program successfully. However, there is no direct financial impact to DCF.

This bill additionally creates a new appropriation under s. 20.437 (1)(ch) of \$120,000 (GPR) in SFY2025 for DCF to distribute grants to UW institutions and technical colleges within the Technical College System for programs to support former foster youth. The bill correspondingly creates s. 48.543 and specifies that no fewer than four such grants shall be awarded and that no individual grant award may exceed \$30,000. If this bill were in effect, DCF would incur some additional administrative and operational costs for the management of the grant program. Such costs are indeterminate, and the department is likely able to absorb such costs using current budget.

In summary, DCF is likely to incur some administrative and operational costs for the administration of the \$120,000 per biennium grant program for UW System institutions and technical colleges to support former foster care youth. However, such costs are indeterminate, and the department is likely able to absorb such costs using current funding. There is no direct financial impact to DCF for tuition remission for eligible youth who were formerly placed in foster care. The department does not anticipate any impact to local government costs under this bill.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications