

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-2351/1		Introduction Number SB-0238	
Description tuition and fee remission for eligible veterans' spouses and children enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="checked" 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"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
			<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 4/24/2023

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 238 expands the definition of "eligible veteran" to include a person who has served on active duty for 20 or more years and who is on active duty in the time immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person's spouse or child registers at a technical college or UW System Institution. In addition, the person must either have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service or have resided in the state for at least five consecutive years prior to enrolling in the institution. If the person was not a resident of this state when he or she entered military service, the person's spouse or child is eligible for tuition and fee remission only if the spouse or child has resided in the state for at least five consecutive years prior to their enrollment in a technical college or UW System Institution.

The Higher Education Aids Board reimburses WTCS districts and University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Institutions for tuition and fees that have been remitted for eligible veterans, spouses and children.

State appropriations have been inadequate to reimburse the colleges for the total tuition and fees that are remitted to students under this program. Due to the lack of funding, WTCS districts are using other resources to pay for the cost of remissions. The chart attached provides the number of recipients over the last five years, the total amount reimbursed by HEAB and the local cost being absorbed by the districts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The state currently appropriates \$6.5 million dollars to reimburse both the WTCS and UWS for the Wisconsin GI Bill. If this legislation is enacted, WTCS Districts would see an increase in the number of recipients for the Wisconsin GI Bill. If state funding for the Wisconsin GI Bill remains at its current funding level, WTCS districts would continue to see an increase in costs at the local level.

Wisconsin Technical College System

Attachment for SB-238 (LRB-2351/1)

	Veterans, Spouses and Children	Total Tuition and Fees Remitted	State Reimbursed	Difference/Local Costs
2018	1,789	\$4,149,686.21	\$600,850.74	\$(3,548,835.47)
2019	1,832	\$4,259,997.04	\$593,054.10	\$(3,666,942.94)
2020	1,875	\$4,285,675.02	\$617,085.88	\$(3,668,589.14)
2021	1,566	\$3,622,222.11	\$579,761.97	\$(3,042,460.14)
2022	1,603	\$3,848,183.26	\$625,825.03	\$(3,222,358.23)