

### Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>23-2519/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-0265</b>	
<b>Description</b> hunter education requirements for persons under the age of 18 and granting rule-making authority		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" 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"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b> <input 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		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS            20.370(3)(mu); 20.370 (3)(my); 20.370 (8)(mu)		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the department to offer in-person and online hunter education (HE) for persons under the age of 18. The bill also requires persons under the age of 18 to attend an in-person field training session and complete a certification exam following completion of the in-person or online course of instruction. The bill also requires the department to promulgate rules establishing the curriculum, length, and fee for the courses.

#### I. Background Information

Currently, the department has 1.0 FTE hunter education program administrator and 1.0 FTE program specialist whose primary responsibilities involve program/class administration. Outdoor skills trainers (FTE 5.0, LTE 2), as well as conservation wardens, provide varying levels of instruction/support to the HE program. In addition, the department is actively seeking to hire an additional 3 LTEs to assist in providing additional training for instructors and customers seeking hunter education. However, the vast amount of delivery of in-person training is administered by the department's approximately 2,500 volunteer HE instructors. Of those, approximately 1,270 teach the internet (+) plus field day option. It is important to note that the number of volunteers teaching hunter education in the last 10 years has declined approximately 36% (4% decline in 2022).

Currently, in-person traditional course and online (+) plus field day (in-person component) are available as options for all customers seeking certification. The program provides a curriculum for the field day component to include hands on lesson plans. In addition, adults (age 18+) also have an online only option. This bill would mandate an in person field day for all under the age of 18, further restricting department flexibility to administer the HE program.

#### II. State Fiscal Effect

##### A. Costs

###### 1. One-time Costs

a. The Division of Public Safety & Resource Protection (PSRP) estimates 250 hours of the Hunter Education Administrator to help promulgate rules at \$16,094 (250 hours x \$41.78 x 54.09% protective rate fringe), and 50 hours for the Bureau Director at \$4,067 (50 hours x \$52.80 x 54.09% protective rate fringe), for a total of one-time cost of \$20,200.

b. One-time PSRP supplies and training aids are estimated to be \$15,000.

c. The Bureau of Legal Services estimates 600 hours to support the one-time rule-making effort at \$41,500 (600 hours x \$46.80 x 47.60% fringe).

d. Total estimated one-time costs of \$76,700.

###### 2. Ongoing Costs

Ongoing costs to hire additional LTEs to teach in-person classes to offset a continued decline of volunteer instructors are indeterminate.

##### B. Revenue

1. Given the hunter education reciprocity with other states, it is unknown how many students will take the in-person HE classes as proposed. Rules have not been created that includes a fee so the revenue impact is indeterminate.

2. The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) is affiliated with all 50 state hunter education programs, allowing for reciprocity in hunter education certifications. This bill may result in Wisconsin students taking an online only course through another state, while still having the certification be valid in Wisconsin, resulting in an indeterminate loss of federal match funding that the program currently receives for volunteer instructor time.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The long-term fiscal impacts of the bill could be more significant than those in the short term.

1. The extent to which course fees will need to increase may depend on changes to federal Pittman-Robertson Hunter Education funding levels.

2. Staffing and supply costs for PSRP may be more significant in the long-term, to the extent that permanent staff or LTEs will be needed to offset a continued reduction in the number of volunteer hunter education instructors.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  As detailed in the narrative, total estimated one-time costs of \$76,700 to implement the bill.		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs      Decreased Costs	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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