

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 2/14/2024

LRB Number	23-5006/1	Introduction Number	SB-0995	Estimate Type	Original
Description human growth and development instruction					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under the bill, school boards must provide an instructional program in human growth and development (HGD) in grades kindergarten to 12. The requirements for the mandatory instructional program are based on the requirements created in 2009 Wisconsin Act 134, known as the Healthy Youth Act, for optional instructional program provided by school boards. Under the bill, the instructional program must present medically accurate information to pupils and must, among other things, address a specific list of topics contained in the bill when age appropriate.

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction may apply for federal funds allocated for providing instruction in any of the topics recommended under current law to be included in a human growth and development instructional program. The bill modifies that authority by authorizing the state superintendent to apply for federal funds allocated for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs in order to implement such a program.

Lastly, the bill allows a volunteer health care provider to provide instruction in human growth and development if the instructional program complies with the requirements specified in the bill.

State: Indeterminate

The bill modifies the DPI's authority to apply for federal funds related to human growth and development instruction by requiring the department to base its applications on evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs in order to implement such a program. However, since the amount of future federal funding for which the Department successfully applies for and receives is unknown, the costs are indeterminate.

Local: Indeterminate

School districts that don't currently offer HGD instruction would likely incur costs to create the required instructional program. Districts with existing HGD instructional programs would likely incur additional costs to revise their course offerings to comply with the required instructional changes. Those potential costs are unknown and would likely vary from district to district. Therefore, the cost is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications