



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 4/22/2025

LRB Number	25-2499/1	Introduction Number	AB-0198	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> emergency medical services education, tuition and materials reimbursement for emergency medical responders and emergency medical services practitioners, and a live 911 pilot program					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 198 contains several provisions related emergency medical services education, tuition and materials reimbursement for emergency medical responders and emergency medical services practitioners, and a live 911 pilot program. This fiscal estimate reflects only the fiscal impact to technical colleges and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board for the bill provisions related to emergency medical services education, tuition and materials costs for emergency medical responders and emergency medical services practitioners.

The bill requires the WTCS Board to provide grants to technical colleges that provide emergency medical services courses that train and prepare individuals for initial certification or initial licensure as an emergency medical responder or an emergency medical services practitioner. All 16 technical colleges provide emergency medical services courses that prepare individuals for certification or licensure as an emergency medical responder or an emergency medical services practitioner. Instructional costs for emergency medical services was more than \$15 million across all 16 technical colleges in FY24. The bill does not specify an appropriation for the grants or provide additional funding to WTCSB. Because it is unknown how many technical colleges may be eligible for grants and the amount of grant funding available to technical colleges, the fiscal impact for each technical college cannot be determined. The WTCS Board will incur administrative costs associated with the distribution and oversight of these grant funds, but these administrative staffing costs are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the agency budget.

The bill requires HEAB to develop a program to reimburse individuals or their employer for the cost of tuition and materials necessary for the individual to complete a course at a technical college as necessary to qualify for initial certification or initial licensure as an emergency medical responder or an emergency medical services practitioner and meets certain conditions. Given HEAB is the administrator of these funds and the bill specifies that eligible individuals must apply to HEAB for reimbursement, there is no anticipated fiscal effect on the WTCS Board or technical colleges.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications