

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
VA 2.02 (3)(b)

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)
☒ ORIGINAL ☐ UPDATED
☐ CORRECTED ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL
Subject

Adopting an order to amend VA 2.02(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to the tuition reimbursement program.

Fiscal EffectState: ☐ No State Fiscal EffectCheck columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
Within Agency's Budget ☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ Increase Existing Appropriation ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Create New Appropriation
☐ Decrease CostsLocal: ☐ No local government costs

1. ☐ Increase Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
☐ Towns ☐ Villages ☐ Cities
☐ Counties ☐ Others _____
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☒ SEG ☐ SEG-S**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations****\$20.485 2(tf)****Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This proposed administrative rule change amends VA 2.02 (3)(b) the tuition reimbursement pre-application process for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under current law, provided under the provisions of 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, the veteran may seek tuition reimbursement only if the veteran fully completes and files a pre-application with the department, within 30 days of the commencement of the semester for which reimbursement is sought. The failure to file a pre-application under the required terms will result in the denial of any grant application subsequently filed for the applicable semester.

The amended rule will re-establish the pre-application procedure to allow the department to address issues for veterans unable to submit the pre-application within the current 30-day period allotted by the rule to 180-days of the commencement of the semester for which reimbursement is sought. The proposed rule amendment will show a decrease in the departments denial rate of the tuition reimbursement grant for eligible veterans. Available data shows that of the request for reimbursement that 540 of the 1704 request received were denied for various reason, of which 121 were specifically denied for not having a pre-application on file within the 30-day period allotted.

For the purpose of the fiscal impact of this fiscal estimate, the increase in expenditures are projected to be in FY08 \$122,600 and with a projected 8% increase in the tuition rate in FY09 \$132,400.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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