

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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LRB Number 01-0575/3	Introduction Number AB-243
Subject	
Restrictions on state employment and student financial aids for failure to comply with selective service registration	
Fiscal Effect	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 243 directs the University of Wisconsin System to require all students receiving state financial assistance and all new hires to register with the Selective Service system, if so required by law (all males between the ages of 18 and 26).

Any legally mandated student who has not registered with the Selective Service system would be ineligible to receive state financial assistance administered by the Board of Regents. Any potential job applicant could not be hired if he were unable to provide proof of registration with the Selective Service system as well.

Financial aid administered by the University of Wisconsin System includes the Lawton Undergraduate Minority Retention Grant and the Advanced Opportunity Program. Other financial assistance includes athletic scholarships, short-term loans, out-of-state tuition remissions, and funding for a portion of the Academic Excellence grants.

Current Financial Assistance and Hiring Practices

Financial Aid:

Currently, all legally mandated students who apply for federal financial aid must register with the Selective Service system prior to receipt of aid. To ensure compliance, the federal government crosschecks the selective service status of all applicants. When a legally mandated student applies for federal financial aid without completing selective service registration, the federal government notifies the institution processing the aid package. Students are then notified and federal aid awards are not disbursed until registration is complete.

Selective Service registration is not a criterion for all state financial aid. However, because male students between the ages of 18 and 26 must verify Selective Service registration in order to receive federal financial assistance, in effect they have also, at the same time, provided evidence of eligibility should this be required for state financial aid.

Other Financial Assistance Programs:

Currently, students who apply for athletic scholarships, short-term loans, out-of-state tuition remissions, Academic Excellence Awards, etc. are not required to apply through the financial aid offices. However, according to AB 243, applicants for these programs who have not applied for federal financial aid would be required to submit evidence of Selective Service registration. The number of recipients is relatively small, consisting primarily of only those individuals who have not registered for federal aid. It is assumed that the cost of this additional verification could be absorbed within present office budgets.

New Hires:

There is currently no policy in place requiring an employee to provide evidence of Selective Service registration. University of Wisconsin System institutions hire students and non-students. For students receiving federal financial aid, registration verification is already in place. For other hires, a system akin to that insuring compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 could be established. Thereby, the burden of proof would fall on the applicant to provide verification of registration in a timely manner. Again, any additional cost related to this confirmation would be minimal.

Assumptions:

Currently, there are very few students who apply for financial aid who have not previously registered with the Selective Service system. In almost every case, the non-registrants are immigrants who are unaware that their immigration status requires registration.

Since the federal government notifies the appropriate institutional financial aid office in the event that a student applicant has not registered with the Selective Service system, the institutions could incorporate this system and delay disbursement of state aid until Selective Service registration is complete.

Verification of the Selective Service status of new hires could parallel the process now in place to comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The burden of proof would fall to the employee to produce evidence of registration within an appropriate period of time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications