



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Subject</b> State aid for special education and school age parents programs		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill restores reimbursement rates for special education costs as they were prior to 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, the 1999-01 biennial budget bill.

If this bill were in effect in the current 2000-01 school year, most aidable costs for special education would be reimbursed by the state at the rate of 63%, subject to the availability of funds. The department estimates that the reimbursement would be prorated at approximately 36.2% for most special education aidable costs. The bill also provides that the salaries of school psychologists and social workers would be reimbursed at 51%. Under the bill, the costs of these salaries, due to availability of funds, would be reimbursed at 29.4%. Also under the bill, room and board for special education pupils would be fully funded (although they would also be subject to availability of funds). These costs would be reimbursed at a rate of 57.6%. The bill would maintain a 100% reimbursement rate for the costs of special education for children in hospitals and convalescent homes.

#### State Fiscal Effects:

The bill would have no state fiscal effect since the bill provides that if insufficient funds are appropriated, payments are prorated.

#### Local Fiscal Effects:

The reimbursement rate changes for the various special education costs under the bill may have slight redistributive effects among school districts. However, the total amount of special education and school age parent program aid distributed to school districts statewide would not change.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications