

### Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **01-3977/4**      Introduction Number **AB-558**

**Subject**  
National guard active service; operation enduring freedom package

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Yes       No  
 Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue  
 Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory

2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue  
 Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  
 Towns       Village       Cities  
 Counties       Others  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

LRB-3977/4 would have a fiscal impact on the UW System. However, the exact fiscal impact of the bill cannot be ascertained because it is not possible to determine the number of students who might need to leave the university as a result of being called up for active duty in the armed forces.

During Operation Desert Storm, approximately 446 students withdrew from UW institutions. Based on that number, the fiscal effect of a full reimbursement of tuition alone would be \$1.6 million based on 2001-02 UW-Madison tuition rates. Costs for reimbursement of room, board and other fees would be in addition to tuition reimbursement. In addition, there could be increased costs incurred in identifying these students for special fee adjustments.

However, the legislation proposed here is in complete alignment with present University of Wisconsin System Administration policies which have been in effect since Operation Desert Storm.

When reservists were called to active duty during the Kosovo war, policies that had been initiated by the University of Wisconsin System during the Gulf war and Desert Storm were once again put into place.

The following policies would again apply to reservists called to active duty in Operation Enduring Freedom:

**Tuition and Fees:** Students should be given the opportunity to earn his/her grade or a full refund of tuition should be made.

**Room and Board:** Students should be given a refund for the unused portion of room and board contracts.

**In General:** Institutions should do everything they can to ensure students are treated fairly and do not suffer an academic set-back because they have been called to active duty.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications