



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Subject</b>					
Youth options program; limit tuition payments					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, a pupil enrolled in a public school in the 11th or 12th grade may attend an institution of higher education for one or more courses under the youth options program. The school board of the district in which the pupil is enrolled is responsible for paying the cost of tuition, fees, and books for the pupil with some limited exceptions.

This bill provides that the payment for a pupil attending a private college may not exceed the amount that would be charged if the pupil were attending an institution within the University of Wisconsin System.

This bill may require additional costs for the department of public instruction for administration, the cost of amending PI 40 to conform to the bill, notifying districts of the statutory and administrative rule changes, and handling an increase in appeals. It is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within the agency's budget.

DPI does not have the authority to collect data from school districts that would indicate how many pupils (i.e., those attending private colleges) would be affected by the bill. Nor does the department collect detailed data that would give a concrete idea of the extent to which those pupils would be affected (i.e., the difference between tuition at private colleges and tuition at University of Wisconsin campuses) by the proposed payment limitation. If the average cost of similar courses is higher at private colleges than at UW System campuses, then school districts may have decreased costs if payment for a pupil attending a private college is limited to the amount that would have been charged if the child were attending an institution within the University of Wisconsin System. School districts may also have reduced costs under this scenario if some private colleges decide not to participate in the program because they are unwilling to accept UW System tuition, and consequently fewer youth options courses are taken.

Given these uncertainties, the department cannot estimate the possible fiscal effect for school districts.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown