

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-2336/3	Introduction Number SB-129
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Subject
 Transfer WI Advantage Program to TCS

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

WTCS 3/24/2005

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Subject					
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 129 is the companion bill to AB 241.

SB 129 would transfer the Business Employees' Skills Training Grant program from the Department of Commerce to the Technical College System Board. Currently, up to \$500,000 is available for BEST awards each year. Individual businesses with up to 25 full-time employees may receive awards of up to \$10,000 to offset training costs. Award preference is given to industries with severe labor shortages, those adversely affected by federal requirements or policies, and those businesses operating in development zones.

SB 129 would change the funding level and provisions of the BEST program. The annual amount available for awards would be increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million in 2005-06 and to \$1.5 million in 2006-07; the eligible size of businesses would be expanded to those with up to 100 full-time employees; the individual award maximum would be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000; the recipient match requirement would be increased from 25% to 50% of training costs; the WTCS Board would have the ability to waive the match requirement for businesses in extreme financial hardship; and the current preference criteria would be replaced with a provision that technical college district boards annually identify the types of businesses in their region that should be given award preference.

SB 129 provides no positions or funding to the State Board to administer the grant program.

Administration of the BEST Skills Training Grant will increase WTCS Board staff workload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The State Board System Office would require an additional 0.33 FTE position to administer the BEST program; develop grant guidelines, assist grant applicants, review grant applications, make recommendations for grant awards to the State Board and review grant recipient accountability reports. The estimated annual salary and fringe benefit cost of this 0.33 FTE position is \$26,800.