

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-1560/1		Introduction Number AB-0097	
Description Eligibility for tuition fee remission for family members of certain veterans			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<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"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<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	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input 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

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a spouse, child, or unremarried surviving spouse of certain veterans is eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges. For the spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, or child to be eligible, the veteran must have entered service while a resident of this state and either died while on duty or incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more. This bill adds fee remission eligibility to the spouse or child of a veteran if the veteran is a resident of this state and was a resident of this state for at least 15 continuous years before the student registers.

In general, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that approximately one third of recipients of Wisconsin veterans benefits (not specifically the Wisconsin GI Bill benefits) qualify for benefits on the basis of establishing residency after their period of service.

Therefore, to estimate the additional cost of this legislation, the UW System anticipates that an additional one third of the total number of spouses and children may become eligible for benefits and will claim eligibility for the tuition remissions. In the Fall of 2006 (the last semester for which we have tallies), 476 spouses and children claimed tuition remissions. If an additional one third were eligible, this would amount to approximately 157 additional remissions per semester. At approximately \$1673 per student, this would total \$293,000 per semester, or \$586,000 for an academic year. If one includes an additional 8% for summer school tuition, the annual total approximates \$632,000.

The Governor's budget includes funding for these remissions, above present levels.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If the number of Wisconsin veterans increases and as tuition increases, these costs will also grow.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	632,000		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$632,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	632,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS		-632,000	
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$-632,000	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$632,000	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$-632,000	\$	
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