

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 19s0027/1 | Introduction Number | ASA1- AB189 | Estimate Type | Supplemental |
| Description transferability of courses between the University of Wisconsin System, technical college system, and tribally controlled and private colleges. | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes changes to requirements under current law regarding the transferability of credits between certain institutions of higher education. Under currently law, the UWS and the Technical College System Board (TCSB) are required to enter into an agreement that no fewer than 30 credits in core general education courses are transferable.

The bill eliminates this agreement and requires instead that the UWS and the TCSB enter into an agreement in which beginning in 2020-21, credits for courses that satisfy credential requirements in different subject areas are transferable, which may include core general education courses.

The bill defines a "credential" as a pathway certificate, one-year or two-year technical diploma, or associate or bachelor degree.

There may not be fewer than 75 credits in the 2020-21 academic year that are transferable. The agreement must provide that the number of transferable credits annually increases by nine in each subsequent academic year.

The agreement must establish policies for faculty to identify courses with transferable credits. The agreement must be revised every year.

Under the bill, the agreement and list of courses must be submitted to JCF for passive review no later than June 30, 2020. Additionally, any revision of the agreement to decrease the number of transferable credits must be submitted to JCF for passive review.

College-ready courses already transfer from technical colleges to four-year institutions, so it is uncertain what additional courses would be considered transferable under this legislation.

The fiscal impact is unclear.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications