

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-2359/1	Introduction Number AB-0239
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Description
 tuition and fee remission for eligible veterans' spouses and children enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college

Fiscal Effect

State:

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <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"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
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Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

UWS 5/3/2023

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would expand the definition of "eligible veteran" for the purposes of a tuition and fee remission program for eligible veterans' spouses and children.

Current law provides for full remission of tuition and fees at UW System institutions for up to eight semesters or 128 credits for the spouse and 17-to-25-year-old children of eligible veterans. Under current law, an "eligible veteran" is a military service member who suffered service-connected death or disability and who either was a resident of this state when he or she entered military service or satisfies one of the following: 1) if the veteran, while a resident of this state, died on active duty, died as the result of a service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes, the veteran resided in this state for at least five consecutive years while an adult; or 2) if the veteran received at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating, the veteran resided in this state for at least five consecutive years immediately before the veteran's spouse or child registers at a UW System institution. In addition, if a veteran was not a resident of this state when he or she entered military service, the veteran's spouse or child is eligible for tuition and fee remission only if the spouse or child has resided in this state for at least five consecutive years immediately before the spouse's or child's enrollment in a UW System institution.

The bill would expand the tuition and fee program's definition of "eligible veteran" to include a person who has served on active duty for 20 or more years and who is on active duty in the time immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person's spouse or child registers at a UW System institution. In addition, the person must either have been a resident of this state at the time of the person's entry into service or have resided in this state for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person's spouse or child registers at an institution. If the person was not a resident of this state when he or she entered military service, the person's spouse or child is eligible for tuition and fee remission only if the spouse or child has resided in this state for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding the spouse's or child's enrollment in a UW System institution.

This act first applies to the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The group of long-time service members who have 20 years of service, but no disability ratings is likely to be small. The bill would decrease revenues, but the exact impact is unknown.