

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-3734/2	Introduction Number AB-0798
Description an energy efficiency grant program for school districts, funding for the University of Wisconsin System, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<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 20.255 (2) (dv) [NEW]	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 1/14/2022

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a grant program under which the Department of Public Instruction must award grants to school districts for energy efficiency projects in school buildings. For the first two school years of the grant program, DPI must give preference in awarding grants to projects that relate to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. DPI may promulgate rules to implement the grant program.

The bill also provides additional funding for the University of Wisconsin System under its general program operations for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act and the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

State:

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the bill appropriates \$10,000,000 GPR annually and requires DPI to award grants to school districts for energy efficiency projects in school buildings. In awarding grants under this section for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, the department shall give preference to projects that relate to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. The bill also permits DPI to promulgate rules to implement the program.

While the bill appropriates funds to accomplish this purpose, the bill does not appropriate resources to the DPI for the administration of this program. It is assumed that any changes to department functions as a result of the bill would be absorbed within existing resources.

Finally, the bill provides funding for the University of Wisconsin System under its general program operations for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act and the federal American Rescue Plan Act. These changes do not directly impact the DPI, so DPI is not in a position to estimate the impact of these changes.

Local:

The bill creates a new program in which school districts may be awarded grants for the purpose of energy efficiency projects in school buildings. In the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, preference would be given to projects that relate to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Because the bill specifies that the DPI shall promulgate rules to implement and administer the grant program in the bill, it is not possible to estimate the true fiscal impact of the bill on individual school districts. However, it can be assumed that participating schools would expect an increase in revenue for the purpose of accomplishing the intent behind the bill. The local fiscal impact is therefore indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications