

ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

**Subject**

Adopting an order to amend VA 2.02(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to the tuition reimbursement program.

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
 4.  Decrease Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

**S20.485 2(tf)**

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**This proposed administrative rule change amends VA 2.02 (3)(b) the tuition reimbursement pre-application process for the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

**Under current law, provided under the provisions of 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, the veteran may seek tuition reimbursement only if the veteran fully completes and files a pre-application with the department, within 30 days of the commencement of the semester for which reimbursement is sought. The failure to file a pre-application under the required terms will result in the denial of any grant application subsequently filed for the applicable semester.**

**The amended rule will re-establish the pre-application procedure to allow the department to address issues for veterans unable to submit the pre-application within the current 30-day period allotted by the rule to 180-days of the commencement of the semester for which reimbursement is sought. The proposed rule amendment will show a decrease in the departments denial rate of the tuition reimbursement grant for eligible veterans. Available data shows that of the request for reimbursement that 540 of the 1704 request received were denied for various reason, of which 121 were specifically denied for not having a pre-application on file within the 30-day period allotted.**

**For the purpose of the fiscal impact of this fiscal estimate, the increase in expenditures are projected to be in FY08 \$122,600 and with a projected 8% increase in the tuition rate in FY09 \$132,400.**

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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