



2023 SENATE BILL 84

February 21, 2023 - Introduced by Senators NASS, MARKLEIN, COWLES and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives GREEN, AUGUST, PENTERMAN, SPIROS, PLUMER, GUNDRUM, RETTINGER, DITTRICH, TITTL, SINICKI, KITCHENS, GOEBEN, BROOKS, O'CONNOR, NEDWESKI, MOSES, ARMSTRONG, MURPHY, MURSAU and DUCHOW. Referred to Committee on Universities and Revenue.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 36.49 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the award of Wisconsin
2 Merit scholarships to University of Wisconsin System students.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the sunset date for Wisconsin Merit scholarships awarded to University of Wisconsin System students.

Current law requires the Board of Regents of the UW System to annually award Wisconsin Merit scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 to UW System students. These scholarships are paid from the normal school fund from an appropriation balance after certain other expenses are paid, but scholarships may not be awarded on or after April 1, 2023.

This bill eliminates the April 1, 2023, sunset date for these UW System merit scholarships.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 36.49 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 36.49 (4) Award the balance in annual scholarships called "Wisconsin Merit
5 scholarships," which shall be based only on merit, to students who are enrolled in an

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1 institution or college campus and who have either graduated from high school in this
2 state or been granted a high school diploma by the administrator of a home-based
3 private educational program, as defined in s. 115.001 (3g), in this state. The board
4 shall determine merit based on a performance on standardized college entrance
5 examinations and, if applicable, cumulative high school grade point averages. An
6 annual scholarship awarded to a student under this subsection shall equal \$5,000.
7 ~~This subsection does not apply beginning on April 1, 2023.~~

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