



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 778

January 9, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives GROTHMAN, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, DUFF, FOTI, GARD, GREEN, LADWIG, F. LASEE, LAZICH, NASS, OTTE, OWENS, SERATTI, WALKER, WOOD and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators WELCH and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 36.27 (1) (a); and **to create** 36.27 (1) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** segregated university fees at the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the University of Wisconsin (UW) System charges students a fee, in addition to instructional fees, for various services, programs and facilities. The students of each campus, represented by their student governments, are responsible for the disposition of those segregated university fees that constitute substantial support for campus student activities.

This bill authorizes the board of regents to charge a fee to fund debt service on obligations issued before the bill's effective date and to fund costs that are directly related to the maintenance of any student union facility. The bill provides that any other fee for the support of noninstructional student activities is optional, and prohibits the board from engaging in negative option billing to collect it.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 36.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 36.27 (1) (a) Subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (b) and (c), the board may establish for
5 different classes of students differing tuition and fees incidental to enrollment in
6 educational programs or use of facilities in the system. Except as otherwise provided
7 in this section, the board may charge any student who is not exempted by this section

1 a nonresident tuition. The board may establish special rates of tuition and fees for
2 the extension and summer sessions and such other studies or courses of instruction
3 as the board deems advisable.

4 **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 36.27 (1) (b) 1. The board may charge students a fee to fund debt service on
6 obligations issued prior to the effective date of this subdivision ... [revisor inserts
7 date], and to fund costs that are directly related to the maintenance of any student
8 union facility.

9 2. Any fee for the support of noninstructional student activities that is in
10 addition to the fee under subd. 1. is an optional fee. Any form that allows a student
11 or a student's parent or guardian to indicate his or her intent regarding paying the
12 fee shall state, in at least 8-point type, that the fee is optional and shall require the
13 student or the student's parent or guardian who wishes to pay the fee to affirmatively
14 indicate that intent. The board may not engage in negative option billing to collect
15 the fee. This subdivision does not prohibit any center or institution from charging
16 a fee for room or board or both.

17 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) This act first applies to fees charged for the first fall semester beginning
19 after publication.

20 (END)