



## 1995 SENATE BILL 14

January 17, 1995 - Introduced by Senators JAUCH, PLEWA, BRESKE, CLAUSING, CHVALA, HUELSMAN, ANDREA, WINEKE, BURKE, MOEN, C. POTTER, RISSER and HELBACH, cosponsored by Representatives KREIBICH, GROBSCHMIDT, BAUMGART, ZIEGELBAUER, WILDER, BOYLE, HUBLER, TRAVIS, REYNOLDS, SILBAUGH, BALDWIN, R. POTTER, BELL, WIRCH and SPRINGER. Referred to Committee on Education and Financial Institutions.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 20.235 (1) (fy), 39.41 (2) (a), 39.41 (2) (b) and 39.41 (4) (b) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** the academic excellence higher education scholarship  
3             program and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the higher educational aids board (HEAB) administers the academic excellence higher education scholarship program. The program awards scholarships for up to 4 years of enrollment at participating institutions of higher education in this state to one or more designated scholars with the highest grade point averages from each public and private high school of at least 80 pupils and from the Wisconsin schools for the visually handicapped and the deaf. Ten scholarships are awarded to designated scholars enrolled at public and private high schools with enrollments of less than 80 pupils. If the amount of funds appropriated to the program is insufficient to fully fund all the scholarships, each scholarship is proportionately reduced.

This bill changes the appropriation account for the program to a sum sufficient appropriation, thereby fully funding each academic excellence higher education scholarship awarded under the program.

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

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 20.235 (1) (fy) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           20.235 (1) (fy) *Academic excellence higher education scholarships*. Biennially,  
2 ~~the amounts in the schedule~~ A sum sufficient for payments to institutions of higher  
3 education under s. 39.41.

4           **SECTION 2.** 39.41 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           39.41 (2) (a) If a designated scholar under sub. (1m) is admitted to and enrolls,  
6 on a full-time basis, by September 30 of the academic year immediately following the  
7 school year in which the senior was designated a scholar, in a center or institution  
8 within the university of Wisconsin system or in a technical college district school that  
9 is participating in the program under this section, the scholar shall receive a higher  
10 education scholarship that exempts the scholar from all tuition and fees, including  
11 segregated fees, at the center, institution or district school for one year, ~~subject to the~~  
12 ~~availability of funds~~.

13           **SECTION 3.** 39.41 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           39.41 (2) (b) For each year that a scholar who receives a scholarship under par.  
15 (a) is enrolled full time, maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average, or the  
16 equivalent as determined by the center, institution or district school, and makes  
17 satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree, the student shall be  
18 exempt from all tuition and fees, including segregated fees, in the subsequent year,  
19 ~~subject to the availability of funds~~. No scholar is eligible for an exemption for more  
20 than 4 years at a center or institution or more than 3 years at a district school.

21           **SECTION 4.** 39.41 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           39.41 (4) (b) The board shall make the payments under subs. (2) (c) and (3) from  
23 the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fy) ~~subject to the availability of funds~~. ~~If the~~  
24 ~~amount in the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fy) in any fiscal year is insufficient~~

1 ~~to fully make the payments, the amount of each payment shall be reduced~~  
2 ~~proportionately.~~

3 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to academic excellence higher education scholarships  
5 awarded for the 1995-96 academic year.

6 (END)