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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 161

April 11, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives JAMES, SKOWRONSKI, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, HORLACHER, JAGLER, KITCHENS, KNODL, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, MYERS, RAMTHUN, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SORTWELL, SPIROS, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, WICHGERS and ZIMMERMAN, cosponsored by Senators KOOYENGA, CARPENTER, BERNIER, COWLES, JACQUE, NASS and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.27 (7) and 38.24 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** late
2 payment of tuition benefits for student veterans enrolled in the University of
3 Wisconsin System or a technical college.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any University of Wisconsin System school or technical college from taking adverse action against a student veteran whose financial aid package includes federal veterans tuition benefits as a result of the UW school's or technical college's failure to receive payment of these benefits by the tuition deadline.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (7) of the statutes is created to read:
5 **36.27 (7) LATE RECEIPT OF STUDENT'S VETERANS BENEFITS.** If a student's financial
6 aid package includes federal veterans benefits that may be applied against the
7 student's payment obligations for academic fees or nonresident tuition, the

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1 institution in which the student is enrolled may not take any adverse action against
2 the student as a result of the institution's failure to receive payment of the federal
3 veterans benefits by the deadline established by the institution for payment of
4 tuition or fees.

5 **SECTION 2.** 38.24 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

6 38.24 (9) LATE RECEIPT OF STUDENT'S VETERANS BENEFITS. If a student's financial
7 aid package includes federal veterans benefits that may be applied against the
8 student's payment obligations for any fees under sub. (1m), the technical college in
9 which the student is enrolled may not take any adverse action against the student
10 as a result of the district board's failure to receive payment of the federal veterans
11 benefits by the deadline established by the district board for payment of the fees.

12 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

13 (1) This act first applies in the first semester or session beginning after the
14 effective date of this subsection.

15 (END)