

I. Higher Educational Aids Board -- Valorie T. Olson, Executive Secretary

The board seeks the approval of the Committee regarding proposed interstate agreements between Gateway Technical College and three community colleges in Illinois, (McHenry County College, College of Lake County, Rock Valley College), as required under s. 39.42.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request.

Date: June 20, 1997

To: Members, Joint Committee on Finance

From: Mark D. Bugher, Secretary
Department of Administration

Subject: Section 13.10 Request from the Higher Educational Aids Board for Approval of an Interstate Agreement As Required by s. 39.42.

Request

The Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) seeks the approval of the Joint Committee on Finance regarding proposed interstate agreements between Gateway Technical College and three community colleges in Illinois, (McHenry County College, College of Lake County, Rock Valley College), as required under Wisconsin Statutes s. 39.42.

Background

Under s. 39.42, HEAB has the authority to approve interstate agreements between public, postsecondary educational institutions in Wisconsin and similar institutions in other states. The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) currently has reciprocity agreements with institutions of higher education in Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa and Illinois. There are five active reciprocity agreements between WTCS institutions and similar institutions in Illinois. In addition to the three agreements for which reapproval is being sought in this request, Chippewa Valley Technical College (Eau Claire Area) and Blackhawk Technical College (Janesville) are party to interstate agreements with Rock Valley College (Illinois).

The existing agreements between Gateway Technical College and the three Illinois institutions treat Wisconsin students attending McHenry County College, College of Lake County, and Rock Valley College as in-state residents of the district in which they are enrolled. The agreements stipulate that "sending district" students will be charged the "receiving institution" in-state, in-district tuition rate. In the event this rate differs between the two institutions, the Wisconsin rate will be charged. For the 1996-97 academic year, Wisconsin resident tuition is \$51.20 per credit while resident tuition at McHenry County College, College of Lake County and Rock Valley College is \$40.00, \$51.00, and \$41.00 respectively per credit. The agreement requires that admission priority is given to residents of the receiving institution and that no resident of the receiving state can be displaced as a result of the agreement. However, after the first semester of enrollment, students enrolled under the agreement are given the same priority as residents of the institution where they are enrolled. The agreement is unlike the statewide Minnesota-Wisconsin student reciprocity agreement since no interstate