1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 432

August 19, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Huebsch, Kreibich, Olsen, Ladwig, Walker, Rhoades, Suder, Pettis, Montgomery, Townsend, Petrowski, Seratti, Kelso, Schneider, Gronemus, Kaufert, Sinicki, Young, J. Lehman, Lassa, Berceau, Pocan, Waukau, Boyle, Meyerhofer, Hutchison and Sykora, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Erpenbach, Rosenzweig, Wirch, Drzewiecki and Darling. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

AN ACT *to amend* 36.27 (1) (a); and *to create* 36.27 (1) (b) and 38.24 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** auditing University of Wisconsin System and technical college system courses by persons who are 60 years of age or older.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system board to allow a Wisconsin resident who is 60 years of age or older to audit a course without paying an auditor's fee if space is available in the course and the instructor approves.

For further information see the *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:

- **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 36.27 **(1)** (a) Subject to par. pars. (b) and (c), the board may establish for different classes of students differing tuition and fees incidental to enrollment in educational programs or use of facilities in the system. Except as otherwise provided

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in this section, the board may charge any student who is not exempted by this section a nonresident tuition. The board may establish special rates of tuition and fees for the extension and summer sessions and such other studies or courses of instruction as the board deems advisable.

Section 2. 36.27 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 **(1)** (b) The board shall permit a person who is 60 years of age or older to audit a course without paying an auditor's fee if the person is a resident of this state, as determined under sub. (2) (e), space is available in the course and the instructor approves.

SECTION 3. 38.24 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

38.24 **(4m)** Auditor's fee exemption. The board shall permit a person who is 60 years of age or older to audit a course without paying an auditor's fee if the person is a resident of this state, as determined by the board by rule, space is available in the course and the instructor approves.

15 (END)