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By/Representing: **John**

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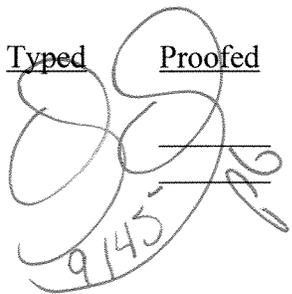
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**Nelson, Robert P.**

**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2005 1:34 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert P.  
**Subject:** FW: Veterans Budget for College Tuition Reimbursement

*Lonnie -  
I think  
this is*

*X*

Robert,  
Could you please draft legislation that would provide the tuition reimbursement to veterans with 10 years residency in Wisconsin.

Thanks,

John Wagnitz  
Office of State Senator Dave Hansen  
319 South, State Capitol  
phone: (608) 266-5670

*yours.  
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says vets  
draft!  
see 36-29(3a)  
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Senator Hansen and Representative Krawczyk,

My name is Mike Lanahan, I reside at 918 Phasianus, Green Bay. I have met you both at the Installation Dinners at the Disabled American Veterans on Dauphin St. I am currently the Chapter Treasurer and Past Commander, I am also on the State Finance committee. I am sure that you don't remember me, but I remember that you both have been great supporters of our local chapter. So, I need to talk with you about an issue I have with the Wisconsin Veterans Budget package that was included in the State Budget.

I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1989 and move to Green Bay Wisconsin, where I have lived ever since. I have worked very hard for the Disabled American Veterans organization on the local and state level. I was thrilled when I heard about the proposed Veterans Affairs proposals in the state budget. I believe I wrote you both to support this very important Veterans Proposals. I was especially interested in the College Tuition Reimbursement for dependants of Disabled Veterans with disability rating of 30% or higher. I was estatic when I learned that Governor Doyle signed this budget into law, with the Veterans proposals intact. However, my euphoria was short lived, when I learned that to qualify for Tuition Reimbursement for dependants, I needed to be a resident of the state when I entered service 35 years ago. To say I was devastated is an understatement.

I did not have a choice where I lived before entering service at the age of 19. But I did have a choice where to live when I retired. And I gladly chose Wisconsin. My family and I have lived here ever since I retired. I have been paying taxes since moving here. I have worked hard for advancing the lives of any veteran in this state. I feel as though I am being left behind by this residency requirement prior to entering service. What about living here for 15 years after retiring from service??

I moved to Wisconsin before this bill was ever thought about. I chose Wisconsin to live and raise a family. One daughter graduated from UW Milwaukee and I have a daughter who is a senior at Preble. I didn't know about the VA budget proposal until June of this year. This tuition reimbursement is huge for me.

I am hoping that together you two can get this requirement for residency prior to entering service dropped or residency of 10 years (or something) after service added to the requirements. I have already sent an E-Mail to Secretary Scocos of the VA, but I have not heard back from him. Is there something you can do for me? I really feel sick, how I am being treated this way. After twenty one years in the military, 15 years as a resident of Wisconsin (by choice), I deserve the same benefits as any other veteran.

I am looking for your help. Let me know what you think.. Thanks for your help for all State Veterans and especially for the Disabled Veterans that have enjoyed your support in our community.

Mike Lanahan  
918 Phasianus St.  
Green Bay, Wi 54311  
(920) 465-9947



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State of Wisconsin  
2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

LRB-3583/P1

RPN: kjf

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: eligibility for tuition fee remission for certain veterans,  
2 their spouses, and their children. 25

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

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Current law, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (the 2005 budget act) provides the remission of tuition for certain students attending the University of Wisconsin system and technical college campuses. Under that act, the spouses, children, or surviving spouses of certain veterans are eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin system and at the technical colleges. For the spouse, surviving spouse, or child to be eligible, the veteran must have entered service while a resident of this state and either died while on duty or incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more while a resident of this state.

This bill adds eligibility to spouses, surviving spouses, or children of veterans who have been residents of this state for at least ten continuous years before the student registers and who have incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more. the veteran has

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 (3n) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin created

4 Act 25, is amended to read:

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**Basford, Sarah**

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**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2005 5:01 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft review: LRB 05-3583/1 Topic: Vet eligibility for tuition remission

It has been requested by <Wagnitz, John> that the following draft be jacketed for the SENATE:

Draft review: LRB 05-3583/1 Topic: Vet eligibility for tuition remission



State of Wisconsin  
2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

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2005 BILL

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1 AN ACT to amend 36.27 (3n) (a) (intro.) and 38.24 (7) (a) (intro.); and to create  
2 36.27 (3n) (a) 3. and 38.24 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes; relating to: eligibility for  
3 tuition fee remission for certain veterans, their spouses, and their children.

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This bill adds eligibility to spouses, surviving spouses, or children of veterans if the veteran was a resident of this state for at least ten continuous years before the student registers and the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more.

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:*



## Barman, Mike

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**From:** Richter, Anna - DOA [Anna.Richter@Wisconsin.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 10:44 AM  
**To:** Barman, Mike  
**Subject:** RE: 2005 Senate Bill 427

Mike,

WTCS informed me they are unable to access the local estimate form unless it is assigned. I'm not able to edit the fiscal estimate assignment for WTCS to request a "state and local" impact under SB-427 without the estimate being returned first.

Thanks,  
Anna

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**From:** Barman, Mike [mailto:Mike.Barman@legis.state.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 10:10 AM  
**To:** Richter, Anna  
**Cc:** Wagnitz, John; Nelson, Robert P.  
**Subject:** FW: 2005 Senate Bill 427

(To: Anna Richter - DOA Fiscal Estimate Coordinator)

Anna -

Per your request, I spoke to the bill's sponsors office and to the LRB drafting attorney. In this case, neither has a objection to the assigned agencies reflecting the "**local**" impact of SB-427 on their fiscal estimates, even though the bill was only tagged for the "**state**" impact. Let me know if you have any questions.  
Thanks

**Mike Barman** (Senior Program Assistant)

State of Wisconsin - Legislative Reference Bureau

Legal Section - Front Office

1 East Main Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 266-3561 / [mike.barman@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:mike.barman@legis.state.wi.us)

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**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 9:48 AM  
**To:** Barman, Mike  
**Subject:** 2005 Senate Bill 427

Mike,

Per our conversation, please go ahead and authorize a local fiscal impact study for 2005 Senate Bill 427, Authored by Senator Hansen, relating to eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of certain veterans.

11/21/2005

Thank you,

John Wagnitz  
Office of State Senator Dave Hansen  
319 South, State Capitol  
phone: (608) 266-5670

11/21/2005

**Barman, Mike**

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**From:** DOA Fiscal Estimates  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 10:57 AM  
**To:** DOA Fiscal Estimates; DOA Fiscal Estimates; DOA Fiscal Estimates  
**Cc:** Barman, Mike  
**Subject:** FISCAL ESTIMATE - RETURNED TO FEC - LRB # 05-3583/2 Estimate Type Original, INTRO # SB-427

The assignment for Agency WTCS for LRB# 05-3583/2 Estimate Type Original is being returned to you. The assignment can once again be found under 'Returned Estimates' on the FEC Fiscal Estimates menu. It can be inactivated or returned to the Agency for corrections.

Returned so both state and local impacts of bill could be included.

Submitted from the web 11/21/2005 10:56:46 AM

Fiscal Estimates URL = <http://fes.doa.state.wi.us>

This message has been generated from the Fiscal Estimate System by FES User Mike Barman. Please click on the following link to respond to Mike Barman.  
<mailto:Mike.Barman@legis.state.wi.us?subject=FISCAL%20ESTIMATE%20-%20RETURNED%20TO%20FEC%20-%20LRB%20#%2005-3583/2%20Estimate%20Type%20Original%2C%20INTRO%20#%20SB-427&cc=Mike.Barman@legis.state.wi.us> Using the Reply button will send a message to the FES System Mailbox.

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### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **05-3583/2**      Introduction Number **SB-427**

**Description**  
Eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of certain veterans

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes       No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1.  Increase Costs
  - Permissive    Mandatory
- 2.  Decrease Costs
  - Permissive    Mandatory
- 3.  Increase Revenue
  - Permissive    Mandatory
- 4.  Decrease Revenue
  - Permissive    Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties     Others
  - School Districts     WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEGS

<b>Agency/Prepared By</b> WTCS/ Nancy Merrill (608) 267-9514	<b>Authorized Signature</b> Morna Foy (608) 266-2449	<b>Date</b> 11/18/2005
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FE not released

Both WTCS and Senator Hanson's Office have agreed to have the FE rewritten to include both the "state" and "local" impact of the bill.

11-21-2005

**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**WTCS 11/18/2005**

LRB Number 05-3583/2	Introduction Number SB-427	Estimate Type Original
<b>Description</b> Eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of certain veterans		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

SB 427 expands the eligibility created in 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (the 2005 Budget Act) for tuition remission for spouses and children of veterans who attend one of the 16 WTCS colleges. Wisconsin Act 25 provides full remission to spouses, children or surviving spouses of veterans who entered service while a Wisconsin resident and who while a resident died or incurred a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more.

SB 427 expands eligibility by authorizing the exemption for spouses, surviving spouses and children of veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more if the veteran lived in Wisconsin for at least 10 continuous years before the student registers.

The WTCS imposes tuition and fees to recover a portion of the costs of providing WTCS educational programs. These learner fees, along with state aid and property taxes, are the major WTCS revenue sources.

The number of WTCS fee and tuition exemptions that might be granted under SB 427 is unknown. SB 427 does not provide GPR to fund the proposed exemption thus the remissions would create a mandatory cost increase for WTCS colleges.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Since SB 427 does not provide GPR to offset the tuition remissions authorized by the bill, WTCS colleges would be required to fund the annual cost of providing the remissions from other sources: non-veteran student tuition and local property taxes.