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(B) ~~3661/1~~
Service consol.
3628/2 vets drafted this

(C) 3770/1 - Peter Grant

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23 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
24 except as follows:



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effect on July 1, 2006.

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 2 to: eligibility for tuition fee remissions of unremarried surviving spouses and
 3 children of certain deceased veterans,

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The budget bill, 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, provided for the full remission of academic and segregated fees at the University of Wisconsin System and the technical colleges for the spouses, unremarried surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans. The unremarried surviving spouses and children are eligible for the tuition remission if the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service and, while a resident of this state, either died on active duty, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes. This bill expands the tuition remission eligibility to include unremarried surviving spouses and children of veterans who were residents of this state at the time of entry into service and who, while a resident of this state, died as the result of a service-connected disability.

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20 for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer, less the amount of any academic
21 fees or segregated fees paid under 10 USC 2107 (c) or 38 USC 3104 (a) (7) (A), to any
22 student who is a veteran.

23 **SECTION 5.** 38.24 (7) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25,
24 is amended to read:

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1 38.24 (7) (a) 1. A person who has served on active duty under honorable
2 conditions in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed
3 forces, in the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; who
4 was a resident of this state at the time of entry into that service; and who, while a
5 resident of this state, ~~either~~ died on active duty, died as the result of a
6 service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive
7 duty for training purposes.

8 **SECTION 6.** 38.24 (7) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25,
9 is amended to read:

10 38.24 (7) (a) 2. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
11 into service described in subd. 1. and who, ~~while a resident of this state, incurred the~~
12 U.S. department of veteran affairs has awarded at least a 30 percent
13 service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

14 **SECTION 7.** 38.24 (8) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25,
15 is amended to read:

16 38.24 (8) (b) The district board shall grant full remission ~~equal to 50 percent~~
17 of the fees charged under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever
18 is longer, less the amount of any fees paid under 10 USC 2107 (c) or 38 USC 3104 (a)
19 (7) (A), to any student who is a veteran.

20 **SECTION 8.** 45.03 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

21 45.03 (20) TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND. If the balance in
22 the appropriation account under s. 20.485 (1) (gk) is in excess of the amount needed
23 for the care of the members of the Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the
24 payment of stipends under s. 45.50 (9) during fiscal year 2006–07, the department

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1 may transfer the excess moneys to the veterans trust fund. The amount transferred
2 under this subsection may not exceed \$16,000,000.

SECTION 9. Nonstatutory provisions.

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4 (1) The authorized FTE positions for the department of veterans affairs, funded
5 from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (gk), are increased for fiscal year 2006–07
6 by 1.51 PR positions for the purpose of providing information technology server and
7 network infrastructure staff.

8 (2) The authorized FTE positions for the department of veterans affairs, funded
9 from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (u), are increased for fiscal year 2006–07
10 by 0.71 SEG positions for the purpose of providing information technology server and
11 network infrastructure staff.

12 (3) The authorized FTE positions for the department of veterans affairs, funded
13 from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (3) (s), are increased for fiscal year 2006–07
14 by 1.07 SEG positions for the purpose of providing information technology server and
15 network infrastructure staff.

SECTION 10. Effective date.

16 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2006.

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18 (END)

Northrop, Lori

From: Rhodes-Engels, Judi
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 9:42 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: FW: Co-Sponsor LRB-4498/3 and LRB-4475/7 Veterans Spring Package

Could you please send the stripes over for this bill as soon as possible?

Thank you!

Judi Rhodes

Sen. Scott Fitzgerald's Office

From: Rhodes-Engels, Judi
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 2:01 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans; *Legislative Assembly Democrats; *Legislative Senate Democrats; *Legislative Senate Republicans
Subject: Co-Sponsor LRB-4498/3 and LRB-4475/7 Veterans Spring Package

To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Senator Scott Fitzgerald
Representative Gabe Loeffelholz
Representative Terry Musser
Representative John Gard
Representative Bob Turner

Re: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-4498/3 and LRB 4475/7--Veterans Spring Package

Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th, at 5:00 p.m.

We are introducing this legislation along with Representatives Loeffelholz, Musser, Gard, and Turner to improve the solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund and clear up some eligibility questions for the veterans tuition remission program established in the 2005-07 budget.

Specifically, this package would:

1. Allow the transfer of up to \$16 million in surplus funds from the King Home to the Veterans Trust Fund.
2. Restore 3.29 positions for information technology staff to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. Expand UW/technical college tuition remission from 50% to 100%.
4. Allow resident veterans who received their disability rating while processing out of the military to still qualify for tuition remission. Current law has been interpreted to mean that a veteran must receive the original disability rating notification from the federal VA at a Wisconsin residence. While it is not common, we are aware of situations where a veteran received his or her service-connected disability rating while processing out of the military at an out of state base, just prior to returning to Wisconsin. This provision would eliminate the requirement that the disability notification letter be addressed to the veteran in Wisconsin.
5. Allow the family of a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected disability to be eligible for tuition remission.

If you would like to be added as a co-sponsor to this legislation, please contact Senator Fitzgerald's office at 266-5660 or Rep. Loeffelholz's office at 6-1170 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15th.

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