



2005 SENATE BILL 279

August 3, 2005 - Introduced by Senators BROWN, STEPP, ZIEN, DARLING, GROTHMAN, A. LASEE and REYNOLDS, cosponsored by Representatives WOOD, KREIBICH, BIES, BALLWEG, FIELDS, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HINES, HUEBSCH, LOTHIAN, MCCORMICK, MOULTON, MUSSER, NISCHKE, OWENS, PETTIS, PRIDEMORE, TOWNSEND and VOS. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 36.31 (1); and **to create** 36.31 (1) (a) and 38.04
2 (4) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** the approval of collegiate transfer programs
3 in certain technical college districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to designate and approve any collegiate transfer program offered by a technical college district. A collegiate transfer program is a full-time program in which the credits earned may be transferable to a four-year institution of higher education. A collegiate transfer program is currently available only at Madison Area Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and Nicolet Area Technical College.

This bill directs the WTCS Board to approve a liberal arts collegiate transfer program in any technical college district in which there is not located a University of Wisconsin two-year collegiate campus. The bill also exempts the approval of these programs from the prohibition on broadening the technical college system's collegiate transfer program offerings beyond those in existence in the 1972-73 academic year.

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:

