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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2005-06

(session year)

### Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on Colleges and Universities...

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(**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)  
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## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### Committee on Colleges and Universities

##### **Assembly Bill 835**

Relating to: fee remission for children and surviving spouses of ambulance drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire fighters, and law enforcement officers.

By Representatives Moulton, Kreibich, Suder, Gronemus, Hahn, Lothian, Ott, Hines, Gunderson, McCormick, Montgomery, Nelson, Vos, Turner, Davis, Krawczyk, Friske, Van Roy, Honadel, Lehman and Kerkman; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Darling, A. Lasee, Hansen, Leibham, Carpenter, Roessler, Breske and Decker.

November 23, 2005 Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

January 10, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (10) Representatives Ballweg, Underheim, Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns, Lamb, Shilling, Schneider, Black, Molepske.

Absent: (2) Representatives Kreibich and Boyle.

##### Appearances For

- Terry Moulton — Rpe., State Assembly
- Joe Strohl, Madison — Professional Fire Fighters

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Morna Foy, Madison — WI Tech College System

##### Registrations For

- Willian Ward, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Police Association
- Bradley Debraska, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Police Assoc.
- Dave Zien, Madison — Sen., 23rd Senate District
- Forbes McIntosh, Madison — WI EMS Assoc.
- Dave Bloom, Madison — Wi State Fire Chiefs Assoc.
- Tom Fanfara, Madison — WI State Firefighters Assoc.
- Joe Leibham, Madison — Sen., State Senate

##### Registrations Against

- None.

January 24, 2006

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

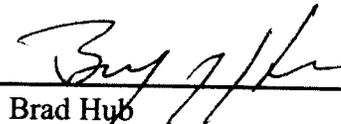
Present: (12) Representatives Kreibich, Ballweg, Underheim,  
Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns, Lamb, Shilling,  
Schneider, Black, Boyle and Molepske.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Lamb, seconded by Representative  
Ballweg that **Assembly Bill 835** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (12) Representatives Kreibich, Ballweg,  
Underheim, Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns, Lamb,  
Shilling, Schneider, Black, Boyle and  
Molepske.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

  
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Brad Hub  
Committee Clerk

## Vote Record Committee on Colleges and Universities

Date: Jan 24 2004 AB 835

Moved by: Lamb Seconded by: Ballweg

AB \_\_\_\_\_ SB \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Representative Rob Kreibich, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Joan Ballweg</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Gregg Underheim</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Stephen Nass</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Debra Towns</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Andy Lamb</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Jennifer Shilling</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Marlin Schneider</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Spencer Black</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Frank Boyle</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Louis Molepske</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Totals: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**Senator Zien Testimony on AB 835**  
**Before the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities**  
**January 10, 2006**

Mr. Chairman, committee members, thank you for holding a public hearing on this important issue today.

Currently the children and the surviving spouses of firefighters and police officers that are killed in the line of duty are eligible to receive free tuition at either the University of Wisconsin or at a Wisconsin Technical College.

The tuition remission program we have today began as a bill that Representative Dobyms and I authored in 1995, and signed into law as 1995 Act 228. But now a problem with this law has come to our attention.

We have run into a problem with defining "killed in the line of duty". It is clear that when a firefighter dies while fighting a fire that is a line of duty death. That of course is true if a police officer is shot and killed or dies in a high speed chase.

What is less clear are deaths that occur sometime after the actual incident, be it from an actual injury or disease, but still are related to the occupation. These may be more difficult to prove if death occurs much later, maybe even years.

We want to clarify the law so that if a firefighter or cop dies from a "duty related disability" their family members are eligible for the same education benefits that families get when their loved one dies at scene.

Senate Bill 414 is a companion bill to AB 835. SB 414 passed the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform on December 5, 2005 by a vote of 5-0 and now awaits a vote by the full Senate.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony today.