



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 144

1 **AN ACT relating to:** creating a commission on financial aid consolidation and
2 modernization.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) COMMISSION ON FINANCIAL AID CONSOLIDATION AND MODERNIZATION. There is
5 created in the higher educational aids board a commission on financial aid
6 consolidation and modernization consisting of the following members:

7 (a) The executive secretary of the higher educational aids board.

8 (b) The chairperson of the higher educational aids board, the student members
9 of the higher educational aids board specified in section 15.67 (1) (a) 5. and 6. and (b)
10 3. of the statutes, and one other higher educational aids board member of the
11 chairperson's designation.

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1 (c) Two representatives of the University of Wisconsin System appointed by the
2 executive secretary of the higher educational aids board.

3 (d) Two representatives of the Wisconsin technical college system appointed by
4 the executive secretary of the higher educational aids board.

5 (e) Two representatives of the Wisconsin association of independent colleges
6 and universities appointed by the executive secretary of the higher educational aids
7 board.

8 (f) One member of the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

9 (g) One member of the senate appointed by the senate majority leader.

10 (2) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission on financial aid consolidation
11 and modernization shall study all of the following:

12 (a) The potential for consolidating all grant programs administered by the
13 higher educational aids board into a single, comprehensive, need-based grant
14 program.

15 (b) Options for providing grant aid for students who are attending Wisconsin
16 institutions of higher education at less than full-time credit loads.

17 (3) REPORT OF THE COMMISSION. The commission on financial aid consolidation
18 and modernization shall report its recommendations to the higher educational aids
19 board, and to the legislature in the manner provided in section 13.172 (2) of the
20 statutes, by December 1, 2012, after which the commission shall terminate its
21 activities and shall cease to exist.

22 (END)