



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 24**  
[2017 Senate Bill 231]

**Technical College Tuition for  
Veterans and Others Entitled to  
Veterans' Benefits**

The Technical College System (TCS) Board establishes program fees that the technical college districts must charge students. With exceptions, the fee charged to students who are not residents of this state is 150% of the fee charged to students who are residents of this state. During the 2015-16 Legislative Session, the Legislature enacted legislation that required the TCS Board to charge resident fees to: (1) a veteran living in this state, regardless of whether the veteran is a resident, if the veteran was discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service within the three years before the date of enrollment in the technical college; and (2) the veteran's spouse or child, living in this state, who is eligible for certain federal benefits by virtue of his or her relationship to the veteran. For the purposes of describing who is entitled to this resident tuition under this provision, Wisconsin law uses the definition of "covered individual," under federal law. In 2016, the federal law was amended to define "covered individual" to include individuals to whom active duty uniformed service members transfer unused benefits.

2017 Wisconsin Act 24 modifies the provision in state law requiring the TCS Board to charge resident fees to covered individuals to ensure it is consistent with the 2016 amendments to the federal definition of "covered individual."

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.