



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 777**

**Assembly Amendments 1 and 4**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 777**

Assembly Bill 777 requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) district boards to grant tuition remissions to students who were in out-of-home placements. An eligible student must be a state resident and meet certain requirements relating to the timing of his or her out-of-home placement, complete the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid and be enrolled in an associate degree, bachelor's degree, or technical diploma program at a UW System institution or WTCS district school. The bill makes an appropriation in the amount of \$410,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$410,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Higher Educational Aids Board to reimburse the Board of Regents and WTCS district boards for remissions granted under the bill. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Children and Families to distribute \$120,000 in grants to UW System and WTCS institutions for programs for former foster youth.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Under the bill, an "eligible individual" means a state resident who resided in an out-of-home placement in this state under a court order under s. 48.355, 48.357, 48.365, 938.355, 938.357, or 938.365, under any of the following circumstances:

- On his or her 18th birthday.
- On his or her 13th birthday, and after his or her 13th birthday, he or she was adopted or appointed a nonagency guardian under s. 48.977 or 54.10 (1), Stats.
- For at least one year on or after his or her 13th birthday, and he or she returned to live in the home of his or her parent after termination of the order.

Under Assembly Amendment 1, the definition of “eligible individual” is modified to mean a state resident to whom any of the following applies:

- He or she resided in an out-of-home care placement on his or her 18th birthday.
- He or she resided in an out-of-home care placement and after his or her 13th birthday, he or she was adopted or appointed a nonagency guardian under s. 48.977 or 54.10 (1), Stats.
- He or she resided in an out-of-home care placement for at least one year on or after his or her 13th birthday and he or she returned to live in the home of his or her parent after termination of the order.

#### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4**

Assembly Amendment 4 decreases the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017-18 by \$410,000. This eliminates funding for the tuition remissions for fiscal year 2017-18.

#### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Bill 777 was introduced on December 27, 2017, by Representative Novak and others. On January 17, 2018, Representatives Novak and Billings offered Assembly Amendment 1. On February 1, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0, and passage of Assembly Bill 777, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 1.

On February 8, 2018, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes 0. That same day, the Joint Committee on Finance offered Assembly Amendment 4, and recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 4 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4, and passage of Assembly Bill 777, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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