



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 729

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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2017 SENATE BILL 729

Senate Bill 729 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.

SENATE 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 Senate 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.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 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

Senate Bill 729 was introduced on January 26, 2018, by Senator Olsen and others. On January 26, 2018, Senator Olsen offered Senate Amendment 1.

On February 8, 2018, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes 0. That same day, the Joint Committee on Finance offered Senate Amendment 2, and recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4, and passage of Senate Bill 729, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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