

# State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Bill 860

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## 1997 WISCONSIN ACT 109

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 39.41 (5) (a); *to amend* 39.41 (2) (b) and 39.41 (3) (b); and *to create* 39.41 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** participation by institutions of higher education in the academic excellence higher education scholarship program and clarifying the required grade point average for academic excellence higher education scholarships (suggested as remedial legislation by the higher educational aids board).

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the higher educational aids board and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 39.41 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

39.41 (2) (b) For each year that a scholar who receives a scholarship under par. (a) is enrolled full time, maintains at least a ~~3.0~~ 3.000 grade point average, or the equivalent as determined by the center, institution or district school, and makes satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree, the student shall be exempt from all tuition and fees, including segregated fees, in the subsequent year, except that the maximum scholarship for a scholar who receives an original scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year or for any academic year thereafter may not exceed \$2,250 per academic year. No scholar is eligible for an exemption for more than 4 years at a center or institution or more than 3 years at a district school.

**SECTION 2.** 39.41 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.41 (3) (b) For each year that a scholar who receives a scholarship under par. (a) is enrolled full time, maintains at least a ~~3.0~~ 3.000 grade point average, or the equivalent as determined by the private institution, and makes satisfactory progress toward a bachelor's degree, the student is eligible for a higher education scholarship as determined under par. (a). No scholar is eligible for a higher education scholarship for more than 4 years at a private institution of higher education.

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 and 2 revise the required minimum grade point average for the academic excellence higher education scholarship program, administered by HEAB, from "3.0" to "3.000". The purpose of the revision is to clarify that a grade point average of less than 3.0 (which may equal 3.0 when rounded up) would not qualify a scholar as eligible for a scholarship under the program because it would not be interpreted as being a 3.0 grade point average if calculated to 3 decimal places.

**SECTION 3.** 39.41 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, is renumbered 39.41 (5) (a) 1. and amended to read:

39.41 (5) (a) 1. Each center or institution within the university of Wisconsin system, technical college district school and private institution of higher education that wishes to participate in the scholarship program under

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1995-96: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

this section ~~in academic year 1999–2000 and thereafter shall notify the board by October 1 prior to the academic year in which, 1998, that~~ the institution wishes to participate.

**SECTION 4.** 39.41 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

39.41 (5) (a) 2. If an institution of higher education that has notified the board under subd. 1. subsequently wishes to no longer participate in the scholarship program under this section, the institution of higher educa-

tion shall notify the board of this fact in writing by October 1 prior to the academic year in which the institution will no longer participate.

NOTE: SECTIONS 3 and 4 eliminate the requirement that institutions of higher education provide annual notice to HEAB that they wish to participate in the academic excellence higher education scholarship program. Rather, the institution must provide a statement to HEAB by October 1, 1998, that it wishes to participate in academic year 1999–2000 and thereafter. To end its participation in the program, the institution would have to notify HEAB of this fact in writing.

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