



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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The bill requires the Board of Regents of the UW System to ensure that, no later than December 31, 2019, the number of accredited programs offered under the UW Flexible Option platform is increased by at least 50 percent over the number offered on the effective date of the bill. At least one of the new programs must assist certified nursing assistants in becoming registered nurses. At least another of the new programs must prepare nonteacher school district employees for examinations required for certain initial teaching licenses and permits.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 9148. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin System.

(1) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FLEXIBLE OPTION PROGRAMS.

(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System shall ensure that, no later than December 31, 2019, the total number of accredited competency-based degree and certificate programs offered under the University of Wisconsin Flexible Option platform is increased by at least 50 percent over the total number of such programs that are offered on the effective date of this paragraph. If the total number of programs offered on the effective date of this paragraph is an odd number, the increase required under this paragraph shall be calculated based on 50 percent of the next even number.

(b) In increasing the number of programs under paragraph (a), the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System shall ensure all of the following:

1. That at least one of the new programs assists certified nursing assistants in becoming registered nurses.

2. That at least one of the new programs provides curriculum that is designed to prepare nonteacher school district employees to successfully complete a standardized examination prescribed by the state superintendent as a condition for obtaining a permit under section 118.192 of the statutes or an initial teaching license under section 118.19 of the statutes.

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