



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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ARG:amn

DOA:.....Krall, BB0323 - Segregated fees

FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

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This bill makes payment of allocable segregated fees at UW System schools optional.

Under current law, the Board of Regents of the UW System may establish fees incidental to enrollment in educational programs or use of system facilities. These fees are in addition to academic fees or nonresident tuition for students and, under board policies, are referred to as “segregated fees.” Current law requires the board to ensure that 1) each student’s bill for academic fees or nonresident tuition lists separately the total amount of academic fees or nonresident tuition charged to the student and the total amount of segregated fees charged to the student; and 2) each UW System school posts on its Internet site the school’s segregated fees and detailed information on the organizations and activities for which allocable segregated fees are expended at the school. Current law requires the board to ensure that segregated fees are used only for the purpose for which they are charged.

This bill requires the board to ensure that each student, at the time the student pays academic fees or nonresident tuition for a semester, session, or academic year, has the opportunity to decline to pay all allocable segregated fees for that semester, session, or academic year. The bill defines “allocable segregated fees” as segregated fees that provide substantial support for campus student activities and that students

are responsible for allocating, in consultation with the school's chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the board. The bill also requires that each student's bill include a statement that allocable segregated fees are optional and that a student may decline to pay all allocable segregated fees charged by the school, along with instructions on how to decline payment. The same statement must also appear on the school's Internet site.

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 1. 36.27 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (title) **Tuition and fees.**

SECTION 2. 36.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (1) (a) Subject to par. (b) and sub. (6) (am), the board may establish for different classes of students differing tuition and fees incidental to enrollment in educational programs or use of facilities in the system. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board may charge any student who is not exempted by this section a nonresident tuition. The Subject to sub. (6) (am), the board may establish special rates of tuition and fees for the extension and summer sessions and such other studies or courses of instruction as the board deems advisable.

SECTION 3. 36.27 (5) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 36.27 (5) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

36.27 (5) (a) (intro.) In this subsection, "state:

2. "State funds" means the total amount of general purpose revenue appropriated under s. 20.285 in any fiscal year.

SECTION 4. 36.27 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (5) (a) 1. “Allocable segregated fees” means segregated fees that provide substantial support for campus student activities and that students are responsible for allocating in accordance with s. 36.09 (5).

SECTION 5. 36.27 (5) (d) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 36.27 (5) (d) 1. (intro.) and amended to read:

36.27 (5) (d) 1. (intro.) The board shall ensure that the segregated fees applicable at each institution and college campus are posted on the Internet Web site of the institution or college campus. ~~The board shall also ensure that detailed with~~ all of the following:

a. Detailed information on the organizations and activities for which allocable segregated fees are expended at each the institution and or college campus are posted on the Internet Web site of the institution or college campus.

SECTION 6. 36.27 (5) (d) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (5) (d) 1. b. A statement that allocable segregated fees are optional and that a student may decline to pay all allocable segregated fees charged by the institution or college campus.

SECTION 7. 36.27 (5) (d) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (5) (d) 2. b. ~~The Subject to subd. 2. d., the~~ total amount of segregated fees assessed on the student, which shall be listed separately from the amount specified in subd. 2. a.

SECTION 8. 36.27 (5) (d) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (5) (d) 2. c. The Internet Web site address specified in subd. 1. for the institution or college campus at which the student is enrolled.

SECTION 9. 36.27 (5) (d) 2. d. of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (5) (d) 2. d. A statement that allocable segregated fees are optional and that a student may decline to pay all allocable segregated fees charged by the institution or college campus, along with instructions on how to decline payment.

SECTION 10. 36.27 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (6) (am) The board shall ensure that each student, at the time the student pays academic fees or nonresident tuition for a semester, session, or academic year, has the opportunity to decline to pay all allocable segregated fees, as defined in sub. (5) (a) 1., for that semester, session, or academic year.

SECTION 9348. Initial applicability; University of Wisconsin System.

(1) UW SYSTEM ALLOCABLE SEGREGATED FEES. The treatment of section 36.27 (1) (a), (5) (a) 1. and (d) 1. b. and 2. b. and d., and (6) (am) of the statutes and the renumbering and amendment of section 36.27 (5) (a) and (d) 1. of the statutes first apply to fees charged for the first semester or session of the 2018-19 academic year.

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