



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1871/P1  
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DOA:.....Mott, BB0297 - Talent incentive grants

**FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

The bill allows HEAB to award supplemental grants in a fiscal biennium to students to whom HEAB has awarded talent incentive grants in that biennium. Under current law, HEAB awards talent incentive grants to uniquely needy students enrolled at public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in this state. Current law limits the amount of a talent incentive grant to \$1,800 for an academic year. The bill allows HEAB to award the supplemental grants from funding that is available after HEAB makes all of the talent incentive grants in a fiscal biennium. Supplemental grants are not subject to the \$1,800 limit.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 39.435 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 39.435 (2) (a) and amended to read:

39.435 (2) (a) The board shall award talent incentive grants to uniquely needy students enrolled at least half-time as first-time freshmen at public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education located in this state and to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who received such grants as freshmen. No grant under this subsection paragraph may exceed \$1,800 for any academic year. The board may award a grant under this subsection paragraph to the same student for up to 10 semesters or their equivalent, but may not award such a grant to the same student more than 6 years after the initial grant is awarded to that student. A student need not maintain continuous enrollment at an institution of higher education to remain eligible for a grant under this subsection paragraph. The board shall promulgate rules establishing eligibility criteria for grants under this subsection paragraph.

**SECTION 2.** 39.435 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

39.435 (2) (b) Before the end of a fiscal biennium, the board may make supplemental talent incentive grants to students to whom the board has awarded talent incentive grants under par. (a) in that fiscal biennium, but only if the board determines that, after the board makes all of the grants under par. (a) in that fiscal biennium, moneys are available in the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (fd) for grants under this paragraph.

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