



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 324
[2005 Assembly Bill 378]

**College Reenrollment Following
Military Service**

Wisconsin Act 324 pertains to students in public and private colleges and universities who are members of the National Guard or Reserves and who, anytime after September 11, 2001, are forced to withdraw from school because they are called into active state service or are called into active service in the U.S. Armed Forces for at least 30 days.

Prior to enactment of Act 324, **public** colleges and universities (including technical colleges) were required to give such students the option of receiving reimbursement for tuition, fees, and prorated room and board or receiving incompletes in courses from which they withdrew and the opportunity to complete the courses within six months of leaving service without paying additional tuition or fees. **Private** colleges and universities were required to give students the same option with regard to incompletes but not the option of receiving reimbursement for tuition, fees, and prorated room and board. These provisions applied only to students who were residents of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Act 324 eliminates the requirement that the students be Wisconsin residents. In addition to retaining the options described above for the two categories of students (public and private), the Act also requires public and private colleges and universities to permit students to reenroll beginning in the semester following their military discharge, or the subsequent semester, whichever the student prefers.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.