



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Senate Bill 178**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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*Current law* prohibits the Board of Regents (Board) of the UW System from charging resident undergraduates enrolled in the 2011-12 or 2012-13 academic year academic fees that are more than 5.5% higher than the academic fees charged in the prior academic year. This prohibition does not apply to differential tuition that was approved by the Board before June 1, 2011. Differential tuition is defined by the Board as tuition that is added to the base tuition level for the purpose of supplementing services and programming for students within an institution of the UW System.

*2011 Senate Bill 178* specifies that the prohibition described above does not apply to differential tuition for students at UW-Stevens Point, UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside, or the two-year UW colleges that is approved by the Board pursuant to policies adopted by the Board before June 1, 2011.

*Senate Amendment 1* provides that the prohibition does not apply to differential tuition approved for any campus by the Board before June 1, 2011, or to differential tuition for students at the UW-Stevens Point, UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside, or the two-year UW colleges that is approved under Board policies adopted by the Board before June 1, 2011. Thus, under the amendment, these three institutions and the UW colleges may charge students differential tuition based on policies approved by the Board prior to June 1, 2011, and those campuses differential tuition was approved before June 1, 2011, may continue to charge such tuition under the prior approval of the Board.

### *Legislative History*

Senate Amendment 1 and Senate Bill 178, as amended, were recommended for passage on October 31, 2011, by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Higher Education by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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