



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 398

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain scholars, designated on the basis of grade point average, who enroll, on a full-time basis, in a public or private institution of higher education in Wisconsin. Under the program, HEAB pays the institution of higher education attended by a scholar up to \$1,125 per academic year and the institution must match the amount paid to the institution by HEAB.

2013 Assembly Bill 398 creates a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain scholars, designated on the basis of level of proficiency in technical education subjects, who enroll, on a full-time basis, in a technical college district school. Under the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program, the number and amounts of scholarships awarded, the duration for which a scholarship may be awarded, the conditions for continued receipt of a scholarship, and the institutional match requirement are the same as under the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that a person may not receive both an Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship and a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

Bill History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Joint Committee on Finance. On October 15, 2013, the Joint Committee on Finance voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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