



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 476	Senate Amendments 1 and 2
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2015 SENATE BILL 476

Senate Bill 476 makes a number of changes to the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program, including: reducing the full-time enrollment requirement to a minimum enrollment of six credits, requiring the student's school to certify the student's progress, and requiring the student to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.000 in order to maintain eligibility for the program. The bill maintains the current scholarship level \$2,250 per academic year, \$1,125 of which is paid by the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) and \$1,125 of which is paid by the school the student attends.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 increases the 2.000 grade point average requirement to the current 3.000 grade point average minimum for a student to maintain eligibility for the program.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 places a limit on the amount of the scholarship to the lesser of \$2,250 or the amount of the student's tuition and fees for the academic year. The amendment also limits HEAB's contribution to 50% of the lesser of the \$2,250 or the amount of the student's tuition and fees for the academic year, rather than the set amount of \$1,125.

BILL HISTORY

On January 28, 1015, the Senate Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges unanimously voted to recommend the adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2, and to recommend passage of Senate Bill 476, as amended.

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