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## 2017 SENATE BILL 289

June 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators FEYEN, TESTIN and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN, KREMER, THIESFELDT, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, TITTL and BRANDTJEN. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 36.09 (3) (a); and **to create** 36.11 (7m) of the statutes; **relating**  
2           **to:** requiring University of Wisconsin System schools to offer degree credit  
3           internships for each academic major.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under this bill, for each academic major offered at a University of Wisconsin System school, the school must offer a degree credit internship for which at least three credits toward completion of the academic major are awarded upon successful completion of the internship.

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:***

4           **SECTION 1.** 36.09 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5           36.09 (3) (a) The chancellors shall be the executive heads of their respective  
6           faculties and institutions and shall be vested with the responsibility of  
7           administering board policies under the coordinating direction of the president and

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1 be accountable and report to the president and the board on the operation and  
2 administration of their institutions. Subject to board policy and s. 36.11 (7m), the  
3 chancellors of the institutions in consultation with their faculties shall be  
4 responsible for designing curricula and setting degree requirements; determining  
5 academic standards and establishing grading systems; defining and administering  
6 institutional standards for faculty peer evaluation and screening candidates for  
7 appointment, promotion and tenure; recommending individual merit increases;  
8 administering associated auxiliary services; and administering all funds, from  
9 whatever source, allocated, generated or intended for use of their institutions.

10 **SECTION 2.** 36.11 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 36.11 (7m) DEGREE CREDIT INTERNSHIPS. The board shall ensure that, for each  
12 academic major offered at an institution, the institution offers a degree credit course  
13 that is an internship for which at least 3 credits toward completion of the academic  
14 major are awarded upon successful completion of the course.

15 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

16 (1) This act first applies to the 2018-19 academic year.

17 (END)