



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 19

January 13, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives UNDERHEIM, DUFF, OWENS and LADWIG. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1     **AN ACT to create** 36.11 (27) of the statutes; **relating to:** ethnic studies courses  
2             at the University of Wisconsin System.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill directs the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to ensure that any institution or 2-year center within the system that requires students to take an ethnic studies course in order to receive a degree prepares a mission statement explaining the goals of the requirement. In addition, using an evaluation instrument that must be developed by the board of regents and that does not require students to reveal personally identifiable information, the institution or center must evaluate the students enrolled in each course that satisfies the requirement at the beginning and end of the semester to determine whether the students have changed their attitudes about ethnic groups or minorities. Finally, the bill directs the board of regents to submit an annual report to the legislature. The report must include the mission statements, all of the data collected as a result of the evaluations conducted in the previous academic year and an explanation of the data.

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:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (27) of the statutes is created to read:  
4             36.11 (27) ETHNIC STUDIES. (a) The board shall ensure that any institution or  
5             center that requires students to take a course in ethnic studies in order to receive a  
6             degree prepares a mission statement explaining the goals of the requirement.

