



2005 SENATE BILL 481

December 21, 2005 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, DARLING, MILLER, TAYLOR, COGGS, ROESSLER, HANSEN, RISSER and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, KREIBICH, GRONEMUS, TOWNS, NISCHKE, KRAWCZYK, HINES, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, PETTIS, BOYLE, LOEFFELHOLZ, TOWNSEND, FREESE, MOLEPSKE, GRIGSBY and SHILLING. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 39.435 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum amount
2 of a Wisconsin higher education grant.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board awards Wisconsin higher education grants (WHEG grants) to undergraduates enrolled at least half time at nonprofit public institutions of higher education or tribally controlled colleges in this state. Currently, a WHEG grant may not exceed \$2,500 for any academic year. This bill increases that maximum grant amount to \$3,000 for any academic year.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 39.435 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 39.435 (3) Grants under sub. (1) shall not be less than \$250 during any one
5 academic year, unless the joint committee on finance approves an adjustment in the
6 amount of the minimum grant. Grants under sub. (1) shall not exceed ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000

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1 during any one academic year. The board shall, by rule, establish a reporting system
2 to periodically provide student economic data and shall promulgate other rules the
3 board deems necessary to assure uniform administration of the program.

4 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) WISCONSIN HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS. The treatment of section 39.435 (3)
6 of the statutes first applies to Wisconsin higher education grants awarded by the
7 Higher Educational Aids Board for the 2006-07 academic year.

8 (END)