



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 853

January 19, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, E. BROOKS, CROWLEY, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, SARGENT, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, RISSER, LARSON, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 36.27 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** University of Wisconsin
2 System resident tuition for certain veterans and their family members.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to treat certain veterans and their family members as residents for purposes of tuition. Under the bill, if a student is a covered individual, the Board of Regents must treat the student as a resident for purposes of tuition. The bill's definition of "covered individual" is based on federal law, which has three categories of "covered individuals." The bill uses the first and second categories, but makes a change to the third category.

A student qualifies under the first category if he or she is a veteran who enrolls in the UW System within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. A student qualifies under the second category if he or she is a veteran's spouse or child who uses certain federal benefits transferred by the veteran and he or she enrolls in the UW System within three years of the veteran's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. A student qualifies under the third category if he or she is a child or spouse of a U.S. armed forces service member who dies in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001. Unlike the third category under federal law, the bill does not require a student to enroll within three years of the service member's death to qualify under the third category. Also, unlike federal law, a student qualifies under the third category even if the service member served less than 90 days of active duty.

If a student qualifies as a covered individual under one of the above categories, the bill requires the Board of Regents to treat the student as a resident for purposes

