



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 945

February 2, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY, ARMSTRONG, GUNDRUM and ALLEN, cosponsored by Senators ROTH and DARLING. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 36.11 (3) (a); and *to create* 36.11 (3) (am), 36.11 (60) and 36.65
2 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the admission or employment of
3 Chinese People's Liberation Army members by the University of Wisconsin
4 System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to take reasonable measures to ensure that a person who is or has been a member of, affiliated with, or funded by the Chinese People's Liberation Army is not accepted for admission to or employed by the UW System.

The bill also requires the Board of Regents, in an annual report to the legislature and governor required under current law, to include a description of all measures taken during the reporting period to satisfy this requirement.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 945**SECTION 1**

1 36.11 (3) (a) The Subject to par. (am), the board shall establish the policies for
2 admission within the system and within these policies each institution shall
3 establish specific requirements for admission to its courses of instruction. No
4 sectarian or partisan tests or any tests based upon race, religion, national origin of
5 U.S. citizens or sex shall ever be allowed in the admission of students thereto.

6 **SECTION 2.** 36.11 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

7 36.11 (3) (am) 1. The board shall take reasonable measures to ensure that no
8 applicant who is or has been a member of, affiliated with, or funded by the Chinese
9 People's Liberation Army is accepted for admission as a system student.

10 2. For purposes of subd. 1., an applicant is considered to be affiliated with the
11 Chinese People's Liberation Army if any of the following applies:

12 a. The applicant has ever been employed by, received compensation from, or
13 signed any contract with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

14 b. The applicant has conducted research or participated in projects in
15 partnership with or sponsored by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

16 c. The applicant actively communicates with, reports to, or intends to report
17 to the Chinese People's Liberation Army or its members regarding activity at an
18 institution.

19 d. The applicant has indicated a verbal or written commitment to partner with
20 or join the Chinese People's Liberation Army within 10 years of the end of the
21 applicant's enrollment in an institution.

22 e. The applicant meets any other criteria established by the board for
23 determining that a person is affiliated with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

24 **SECTION 3.** 36.11 (60) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 36.11 **(60)** EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY MEMBERS. (a)
2 The board shall take reasonable measures to ensure that no individual who is or has
3 been a member of, affiliated with, or funded by the Chinese People's Liberation Army
4 is employed by the system.

5 (b) For purposes of par. (a), an individual is considered to be affiliated with the
6 Chinese People's Liberation Army if any of the following applies:

7 1. The individual has ever been employed by, received compensation from, or
8 signed any contract with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

9 2. The individual has conducted research or participated in projects in
10 partnership with or sponsored by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

11 3. The individual actively communicates with, reports to, or intends to report
12 to the Chinese People's Liberation Army or its members regarding activity at an
13 institution.

14 4. The individual has indicated a verbal or written commitment to partner with
15 or join the Chinese People's Liberation Army within 10 years of the end of the
16 individual's presence at or relationship with an institution.

17 5. The individual meets any other criteria established by the board for
18 determining that a person is affiliated with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

19 **SECTION 4.** 36.65 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

20 36.65 **(3m)** MEASURES TO PREVENT ADMISSION OR EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE
21 PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY MEMBERS. The board shall include in the report required
22 under sub. (2) a description of all measures taken under s. 36.11 (3) (am) and (60)
23 during the reporting period to prevent the admission or employment of any
24 individual who is or has been a member of, affiliated with, or funded by the Chinese
25 People's Liberation Army.

