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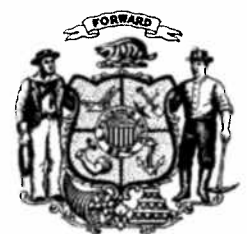
Ayes: (8) Senators C. Potter, Jauch (by polling),
Shibilski, Grobschmidt, Darling, Huelsman,
Roessler and Fitzgerald (by polling).
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 0, Absent 0

Paul Rusk
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



WISCONSIN TUITION GRANT
SENATE BILL 430 / ASSEMBLY BILL 776
WAICU POSITION PAPER

Background

The Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) is the primary financial aid program which provides state funds to Wisconsin resident undergraduates who attend independent or private, nonprofit postsecondary institutions. During the 1996-97 academic year, funding -- which is means tested -- assisted roughly 9,100 students who received average awards of just less than \$1,800.

Current Law

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board uses a formula to determine the WTG award amount a student can receive. The maximum award that can be provided is set by statute -- currently \$2,172 a year. Section 39.285 (2) of the statutes requires the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) to submit annually to the Higher Educational Aids Board a formula recommendation for awarding grants under the program.

Statutory Request

Increase the maximum award amount identified in s.39.30 (3m) that can be provided under the WTG program from \$2,172 a year to \$2,300 a year.

Analysis

In reviewing the award formula for the 1998-99 academic year, the twenty-one colleges and universities in WAICU unanimously determined that an increase in the maximum grant award should be recommended:

- Increasing the maximum award will give financial aid directors much needed flexibility in addressing the needs of students which have either a zero or very low Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Over the last decade, the ability to help these very poor students has been eroded so that they are treated similarly as students with much higher EFCs.
- The maximum grant award has not be increased for over 10 years -- the last change was made in 1986.
- The 1997-99 budget provided a significant amount of additional funding -- \$3.5 million over the biennium. This amount would make it possible to increase the maximum award without reducing the number of grants provided.

Fiscal Effect

This requested change will have no fiscal impact. Moreover, it has no impact on the other state financial aid programs for the UW System or Wisconsin Technical College System.