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COMMITTEE HEARING  
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Senate Committee on  
Education(SC-Ed)

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Vote Record

SB 107

Senate Committee on Education

Date: April 23 Buellman Seconded by: Potter  
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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

Committee Member

- Sen. Calvin Potter, Chair
- Sen. Robert Jauch
- Sen. Kevin Shibilski
- Sen. Richard Grobschmidt
- Sen. Alberta Darling
- Sen. Joanne Huelsman
- Sen. Carol Buettner

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



# Wisconsin Technical College System Board

Edward Chin, State Director

March 27, 1997

Senator Cal Potter  
Room 407  
100 N. Hamilton St.  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Senator Potter:

Cal, I hope the attached testimony on SB 107 is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Kroll".

John Kroll  
Wisconsin Technical College System Board

**PROPOSAL TO MODIFY S. 15.94 WIS. STATS.  
TO PERMIT A PERSON DESIGNATED AS THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD TO COMPLETE HIS OR HER TERM EVEN IF HE OR SHE  
GRADUATES BEFORE THE END OF HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE**

**PURPOSE**

The agency proposes a statutory change under s. 15.94(4), *Wis. Stats.*, that would permit the student member of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to complete his or her 2-year term even though he or she may have graduated from technical college prior to the completion of his or her term.

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1991, the WTCS Board has consisted of 13 members. These include: (a) the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or the superintendent's designee, (b) the Secretary of Industry, Labor and Human Relations or the secretary's designee, (c) the President, or by his or her designation another member, of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin, (d) one employer, one employee, and one farmer, (e) six additional members, and (f) one WTCS student. The governor appoints members other than the ex officio members and the student member to six-year terms. In contrast, the governor appoints student members of the State Board to two-year terms.

The statutory composition of WTCS Board has included a student member since the enactment of 1991 Wis. Act 29. Between 1992 and 1996, the governor has appointed three WTCS students to fill the student member position on the State Board. To be eligible to be a student member of the State Board, a student must be enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing. Currently, if the student member graduates before the completion of his or her term, he or she is ineligible to continue to serve on the State Board. Many technical college students who would be eligible to be a student member of the State Board typically complete their educational program in about two years and graduate. Student members appointed to the State Board, however, are most likely to be second-year students who have demonstrated interest in college governance and leadership as well as their academic program. Therefore, most of the potential student members of the State Board would be unlikely to be eligible to serve the full two-year term. To date, only one student member of the State Board has completed a full term in office.

**RATIONALE**

This proposal would improve the continuity and effectiveness of student representation on the WTCS Board. Research on WTCS graduates indicates that most WTCS graduates continue to reside in the technical college district in which they were last enrolled. With their graduation from technical college and movement into the workforce of their communities, there is every reason to believe that these students gain more awareness of the strengths of the WTCS as an agent for workforce development. They also become more aware of opportunities to improve the WTCS, both from the point of view of new graduates and from their interactions with community employers. Both factors would tend to bring an important, student/graduate-oriented perspective to the State Board.

In addition, students whom the governor appoints to the State Board have already demonstrated an interest in technical college system governance and leadership. Just as with members of any board, the longer student members serve on the State Board, the better they are able to represent their constituency. By adopting this proposal to enable the student member to complete his or her two-year term on the State Board, even if the student graduates prior to completion of the two-year term, WTCS students could gain a more effective voice on the WTCS Board.



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## **DAVID BRANDEMUEHL**

*State Representative  
49th Assembly District*

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### **TESTIMONY ON SB 107**

SENATOR POTTER AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SB 107. MY NAME IS MELANIE OHNSTAD AND I WORK FOR REP. DAVID BRANDEMUEHL WHO UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT BE HERE.

SB 107 ADDRESSES A PROBLEM WITH CURRENT LAW. SINCE 1991, THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN ABLE TO APPOINT A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD. HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT LAW, THE STUDENT BECOMES INELIGIBLE TO SERVE IF HE OR SHE GRADUATES BEFORE FULFILLING HIS OR HER TERM. THIS CREATES SOMEWHAT OF A CATCH 22.

MOST TECHNICAL STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN TWO YEARS AND GRADUATE. HOWEVER, STUDENT MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN COLLEGE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. THEREFORE, MOST OF THE POTENTIAL STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WOULD BE INELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE FULL TWO-YEAR TERM. OF THE THREE STUDENTS THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED SINCE 1992, ONLY ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE A FULL TERM IN OFFICE. THE OTHER TWO STUDENTS COULD NO LONGER SERVE DUE TO GRADUATION.

UNDER SB 107, THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO FULFILL HIS OR HER TWO YEAR TERM EVEN IF THE STUDENT GRADUATES BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER TERM. THIS LEGISLATION WOULD GIVE TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS MORE EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION ON THE WTCS BOARD.

SB 107 IS COMMON SENSE LEGISLATION. I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT  
FOR THIS BILL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.