

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 384

June 10, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives NASS, MUSSER, BRANDEMUEHL, FREESE, TURNER, OWENS, KESTELL, HAHN, PORTER, PLOUFF, SYKORA, HASENOHRL, PETTIS, ALBERS, KEDZIE, HUNDERTMARK, GOETSCH, GRONEMUS and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators FITZGERALD, ZIEN, ROSENZWEIG and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 36.11 (3) (a); and **to create** 36.11 (3) (a) 2., 3. and 4. of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the admission of veterans to the University of Wisconsin
3 System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to ensure that any resident of this state who is a high school graduate and who meets the following criteria is admitted as an undergraduate to the campus to which he or she applies:

1. The person has served in the U.S. armed forces for his or her full service obligation or has been discharged or released early from service for certain specified reasons.

2. The person is a graduate of a Wisconsin high school or was a Wisconsin resident when he or she entered the U.S. armed forces.

3. The person applies for admission within two years of his or her discharge or release from the U.S. armed forces.

The bill allows the board to require that the student be admitted on a probationary basis for one semester. The bill also provides that a campus is not required to admit, under the above provision, a number of students that is greater than 0.3% of the number of undergraduates enrolled at the campus.

Finally, the bill provides that, if the board restricts the number of students who may be enrolled at any campus, the veterans admitted under the above provision are excluded from that restriction.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 36.11 (3) (a) 1.

2 **SECTION 2.** 36.11 (3) (a) 2., 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

3 36.11 **(3)** (a) 2. Except as provided in subd. 3., the board shall ensure that any
4 person who meets all of the following criteria is admitted as an undergraduate to the
5 college campus or institution to which he or she applies:

6 a. The person is a resident of this state.

7 b. The person has been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces after
8 2 years of active duty or the full period of the person's initial service obligation,
9 whichever is less; the person was discharged from the U.S. armed forces for reasons
10 of hardship or a service-connected disability; or the person was released from the
11 U.S. armed forces before the completion of his or her required period of service as a
12 result of a reduction in the U.S. armed forces.

13 c. The person is a high school graduate.

14 d. The person is a graduate of a Wisconsin high school or was a Wisconsin
15 resident when he or she entered the U.S. armed forces.

16 e. The person applies for admission to the college campus or institution within
17 2 years after his or her discharge or release from the U.S. armed forces.

18 f. The person has been or would be denied admission to the college campus or
19 institution based on the minimum standards for admission established by the college
20 campus or institution.

