

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 592

November 18, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives DUFF, PETROWSKI and KESTELL, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 AN ACT *to create* 20.235 (1) (fz) and 39.415 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating
2 an International Baccalaureate Diploma grant program, granting
3 rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program, administered by the higher educational aids board (HEAB), for high school students who received an International Baccalaureate Diploma (awarded to graduating high school seniors who have fulfilled requirements of various national education systems). A student who has earned the diploma is eligible to receive an annual grant in the amount of \$250 from HEAB and a matching grant from a participating University of Wisconsin System institution, a technical college or a private institution of higher education located in Wisconsin if the student is enrolled full time at the institution, maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average and makes satisfactory progress towards an associate or a bachelor's degree.

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:

4 SECTION 1. 20.235 (1) (fz) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 20.235 (1) (fz) *International Baccalaureate Diploma grant program.* A sum
2 sufficient for grants to students under s. 39.415.

3 **SECTION 2.** 39.415 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **39.415 International Baccalaureate Diploma grant program. (1)** A
5 student is eligible for a grant under this section if all of the following are true:

6 (a) The student received an International Baccalaureate Diploma when he or
7 she graduated from high school.

8 (b) By September 30 of the academic year immediately following the school year
9 in which the student received the diploma under par. (a), the student enrolled full
10 time at an institution participating in the program under this section.

11 (c) The student remains enrolled at a participating institution and maintains
12 at least a 3.0 grade point average, or the equivalent as determined by that
13 institution.

14 (d) The student makes satisfactory progress towards an associate or a
15 bachelor's degree, as determined by the board.

16 **(2)** (a) Each institution of the University of Wisconsin System, each district
17 school of the technical college system and each private institution of higher education
18 located in this state that wishes to participate in the grant program under this
19 section shall notify the board by October 1 before the academic year in which the
20 institution wishes to participate. If an institution that has notified the board under
21 this paragraph no longer wishes to participate in the grant program, the institution
22 shall notify the board of this fact in writing by October 1 before the academic year
23 in which the institution will no longer participate.

24 (b) A participating institution shall award a matching grant of \$250 to each
25 student who receives a grant under sub. (3). An institution of the University of

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1 Wisconsin System may award a matching grant under this paragraph by a waiver
2 of academic fees established under s. 36.27.

3 **(3)** From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fz), annually the board shall
4 award each eligible student under sub. (1) a grant of \$250. An eligible student who
5 is enrolled in a participating institution of the University of Wisconsin System or a
6 participating private institution of higher education may receive a grant under this
7 section for no more than 4 academic years. An eligible student who is enrolled in a
8 participating district school of the technical college system may receive a grant under
9 this section for no more than 3 academic years.

10 **(4)** Neither the board nor a participating institution may supplant any other
11 grant for which a student may be eligible with a grant under this section.

12 **(5)** The board shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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