

## 1999 SENATE BILL 68

March 2, 1999 - Introduced by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, DARLING, BAUMGART, ERPENBACH, ROBSON, SHIBILSKI, DRZEWIECKI, RISSER, CLAUSING, MOEN and PLACHE, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, MUSSER, PLOUFF, BOYLE, MEYER, YOUNG, BOCK, SINICKI, LA FAVE, RYBA, WASSERMAN, MILLER, COLON, POCAN, HUBER, BERCEAU and MEYERHOFER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.235 (1) (fe) and 20.285 (4) (dd); and *to create* 36.34 (1) (c)  
2             and 39.435 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** making an appropriation for the  
3             Wisconsin higher education and Lawton minority undergraduate grant  
4             programs.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Current law specifies a sum certain in each fiscal year for the amount appropriated for certain higher education grants awarded by the higher educational aids board and for certain minority undergraduate grants awarded by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System (board of regents).

Under this bill, the amount appropriated in each fiscal year for both types of grants depends on whether undergraduate tuition at institutions within the University of Wisconsin System in the current academic year has increased or decreased as compared to the previous academic year. By February 1 before the beginning of the next fiscal year, the higher educational aids board and the board of regents are required to determine the percentage of such an increase at each such institution. The appropriation for the next fiscal year is determined by increasing the amount of the appropriation in the current fiscal year by the highest percentage increase. If tuition has decreased or stayed the same at each such institution, the appropriation for the next fiscal year is the amount appropriated in the current fiscal year.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.235 (1) (fe) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           20.235 (1) (fe) *Wisconsin higher education grants; University of Wisconsin*  
3 *System students.* ~~Biennially, the amounts in the schedule~~ A sum sufficient equal to  
4 the amount determined under s. 39.435 (7) for the Wisconsin higher education grant  
5 program under s. 39.435 for University of Wisconsin System students, except for  
6 grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5).

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.285 (4) (dd) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           20.285 (4) (dd) *Lawton minority undergraduate grants program.* ~~The amounts~~  
9 ~~in the schedule~~ A sum sufficient equal to the amount determined under s. 36.34 (1)  
10 (c) for the Lawton minority undergraduate grant program under s. 36.34 (1).

11           **SECTION 3.** 36.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

12           36.34 (1) (c) 1. In this paragraph:

13           a. For purposes of determining the appropriation under s. 20.285 (4) (dd) for  
14 fiscal year 2000–01, “base amount” means the amount shown in the schedule under  
15 s. 20.005 for that appropriation for fiscal year 1999–2000.

16           b. For purposes of determining the appropriation under s. 20.285 (4) (dd) for  
17 each fiscal year after fiscal year 2000–01, “base amount” means the appropriation  
18 determined under subd. 2. for the previous fiscal year.

19           2. Annually, by February 1, the board shall determine the appropriation under  
20 s. 20.285 (4) (dd) for the next fiscal year as follows:

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1           a. The board shall determine the percentage by which the undergraduate  
2 academic fees charged for the current academic year at each institution within the  
3 University of Wisconsin System has increased or decreased from the undergraduate  
4 academic fees charged for the previous academic year.

5           b. The appropriation for the next fiscal year shall be the result obtained by  
6 increasing, to the nearest \$100, the base amount by the highest percentage increase  
7 determined under subd. 2. a., except that if the undergraduate academic fees for the  
8 current academic year decreased or did not change from the undergraduate  
9 academic fees charged for the previous academic year at each institution specified  
10 in subd. 2. a., the appropriation shall be the base amount.

11           **SECTION 4.** 39.435 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

12           39.435 (7) (a) In this subsection:

13           1. For purposes of determining the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fe) for  
14 fiscal year 2000–01, “base amount” means the amount shown in the schedule under  
15 s. 20.005 for that appropriation for fiscal year 1999–2000.

16           2. For purposes of determining the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fe) for  
17 each fiscal year after fiscal year 2000–01, “base amount” means the maximum  
18 appropriation amount determined under par. (b) for the previous fiscal year.

19           (b) Annually, by February 1, the board shall determine the appropriation under  
20 s. 20.235 (1) (fe) for the next fiscal year as follows:

21           1. The board shall determine the percentage by which the undergraduate  
22 academic fees charged for the current academic year at each institution within the  
23 University of Wisconsin System has increased or decreased from the undergraduate  
24 academic fees charged for the previous academic year.

