

1999 SENATE BILL 490

March 21, 2000 - Introduced by Senator CLAUSING. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 15.225 (2) (b) and 106.215 (10) (g) 3.; and **to create** 106.215
2 (10) (g) 3. b. and 106.215 (10) (g) 6. of the statutes; **relating to:** education
3 vouchers issued to enrollees of the Wisconsin conservation corps and
4 composition of the Wisconsin conservation corps board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an individual who is enrolled in the Wisconsin conservation corps (WCC) for six months to one year is entitled to an education voucher of not more than \$2,800 to pay tuition and fees to attend an institution of higher education. This bill allows a WCC enrollee to also use the voucher for payment of tuition and fees for a private trade, business, correspondence or technical school that has been approved by the state's educational approval board.

The bill extends the period of validity for a tuition voucher from three to six years. The bill provides that an enrollee may request from the WCC board annual extensions of a voucher beyond the six-year period, one year at a time.

Under current law, the Wisconsin conservation corps board (WCC board) consists of seven members. The members must provide regional, environmental and agricultural representation, and one member must be a member of a local workforce development board (LWD board). An LWD board administers federal job training programs at the local level. Under the bill, the WCC board member representing the LWD board need not be a member of an LWD board but may be otherwise affiliated with an LWD board.

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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.** 15.225 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9,
2 is amended to read:

3 15.225 **(2)** (b) *Membership.* The Wisconsin conservation corps board consists
4 of 7 members appointed by the governor from various areas of the state in a manner
5 designed to provide regional, environmental and agricultural representation. One
6 member of the board shall be a member of or be otherwise affiliated with a local
7 workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832.

8 **SECTION 2.** 106.215 (10) (g) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 106.215 **(10)** (g) 3. The education voucher is valid ~~for 3 years after the date of~~
10 ~~issuance~~ for the payment of tuition and any required program activity fees at any of
11 the following:

12 a. An institution of higher education, as defined under s. 39.32 (1) (a), which
13 that accepts the voucher ~~and the vouchers.~~

14 5. ~~The board shall authorize payment to the institution of~~ the face value of ~~the~~
15 an education voucher upon presentment to the institution of higher education or the
16 school or program approved by the educational approval board.

17 **SECTION 3.** 106.215 (10) (g) 3. b. of the statutes is created to read:

18 106.215 **(10)** (g) 3. b. A school or program that is approved by the educational
19 approval board and that accepts the vouchers.

20 **SECTION 4.** 106.215 (10) (g) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

