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**Date:** *November 2, 1998*

**To:** Steve Miller  
Legislative Reference Bureau

**From:** Deborah A. Uecker  
State Budget Analyst

**Subject:** Dept. of Veterans Affairs Statutory Language Requests

Request

Please draft the statutory language changes proposed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. John Rosinski, the Legal Counsel at the department, divided the request up by subject, so please draft the request separately by subject to allow the Budget Office to handle the request more easily. These are the subjects for the request:

- 1) Southern Center Facilities
- 2) Collection Expenses Related to HILP Loans Transferred to Trust Fund
- 3) [REDACTED]
- 4) Collection Contracts Authority
- 5) Health Care Aid Grant (HCAG) - Expenditure Limit
- 6) Personal Loan Program (PLP) - Borrowing Authority and Passive Review Authority
- 7) Part-Time Study Grant (PTSG) - Increased Reimbursement and Passive Review Authority
- 8) Retraining Grant Program (RTG) - Include Most Proprietary Schools and Expenditure Limit
- 9) Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP) - Increase Loan Cap
- 10) Eliminate Requirement That Transferred Be Used for PLP Loans Only
- 11) Establish the Mission of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Thank you for your assistance,

Deborah A. Uecker  
State Budget Analyst  
267-0371

cc: Bob Nelson

45.25(5) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS. The department may submit a request to the joint committee on finance for supplemental funds from the veterans trust fund to be credited to the appropriation account under s.20.485(2)(tf) for tuition and fee reimbursement grants to veterans. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the secretary of the department within 14 working days after the date of the department's submittal that the committee intends to schedule a meeting to review the request, the appropriation account shall be supplemented as provided in the request. If, within 14 working days after the date of the department's submittal, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the secretary of the department that the committee intends to schedule a meeting to review the request, the appropriation account shall be supplemented only as approved by the committee.

45.35(15) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.35(15) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION INTENDED. This section, ss. 45.25, 45.351, 45.356 and 45.37 and subch. II shall be construed as liberally as the language permits in favor of applicants.

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**COLLECTION CONTRACTS AUTHORITY:**

45.35(18) of the statutes is created to read:

45.35(18) COLLECTIONS. The department may enter into contracts to collect delinquent loan payments owed to the department. The department may allocate a portion of the amounts collected under the contracts to pay contract costs. Notwithstanding the provisions of s.45.36, the department may release information contained in its files pertaining to applications for benefits to contractors providing collection services to the department.

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**HCAG EXPENDITURE LIMIT:**

45.351(4) of the statutes is created to read:

40.02(48)(am) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.02(48)(am) "Protective occupation participant" includes any participant whose name is certified to the fund as provided in s.40.06(1)(d) and (dm) and who is a conservation warden, conservation patrol boat captain, conservation patrol boat engineer, conservation pilot, conservation patrol officer, forest fire control assistant, member of the state patrol, state motor vehicle inspector, police officer, fire fighter, sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, county traffic police officer, state forest ranger, fire watcher watchers employed by the Wisconsin veterans ~~home~~ homes and facilities, state correctional-psychiatric officer, excise tax investigator employed by the department of revenue, special criminal investigation agent in the department of justice, assistant or deputy fire marshal, or person employed under s.61.66(1).

TFRG – FULL TIME LIMITATION, INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT, EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, AND PASSIVE REVIEW AUTHORITY:

45.25(1) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.25(1) ADMINISTRATION. The department of veterans affairs shall administer a tuition and fee reimbursement program for eligible veterans enrolling as full-time undergraduates in any institution ~~or center within the university of Wisconsin system, enrolling in any technical college under ch. 38~~ of higher education in this state as defined at s.45.396(1)(a), or receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s.39.47.

45.25(2)(e) of the statutes is created to read:

45.25(2)(e) The individual is enrolled for at least 12 credits during the semester for which reimbursement is sought.

45.25(3)(a) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.25(3)(a) Except as provided in par. (am) an individual who meets the requirements under sub. (2), upon satisfactory completion of an a full-time undergraduate semester in any institution ~~or center within the university of Wisconsin system or a semester at any technical college district school under ch. 38~~, of higher education in this state, as defined at



s.45.396(1)(a) or in an institution in which the individual receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under s.39.47 may be reimbursed for up to 50% 65% of the individual's tuition and fees, but that reimbursement is limited to a maximum of 50% 65% of the standard cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison per course or the difference between the individual's tuition and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made under s.21.49, that the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition or fees, whichever is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that are part of a curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study at the institution, ~~center or school.~~

45.25(3)(am) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.25(3)(am) A disabled individual who meets the requirements under sub. (2) and whose disability is rated at 30% or more under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, upon satisfactory completion of ~~an~~ a full-time undergraduate semester in any institution ~~or center within the University of Wisconsin System or a semester at any technical college district school under ch. 38,~~ of higher education in this state, as defined at s.45.396(1)(a) or in an institution in which the individual receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under s.39.47 may be reimbursed for up to 100% of the individual's tuition and fees, but the reimbursement is limited to 100% of the standard cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison per course, or the difference between the individual's tuition and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made under s.21.49, that the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition or fees, whichever is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that are part of a curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study at the institution, ~~center or school.~~

45.25(4)(a) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.25(4)(a) An individual is not eligible for reimbursement under sub. (2) for more than 120 credits ~~of part-time study or 8 full semesters of full-time study at any institution or center within the university of Wisconsin system of higher education in this state, as defined at s.45.396(1)(a), which offers a degree upon completion of 120 credits, 60 credits of part-time study or 4 full semesters of full-time study at a technical college under ch. 38~~ an institution of higher education in this state, as defined at s.45.396(1)(a), which offers a degree upon completion of 60 credits or an equivalent amount of credits at an institution where he or she is receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s.39.47

45.25(5) of the statutes is created to read:

PART D—AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION  
ACT OF 1958

## DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Sec. 461. Section 103(b) of the National Defense Education Act of 1958<sup>4</sup> is amended to read as follows:

“(b) The term ‘institution of higher education’ means an educational institution in any State which (1) admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such certificate, (2) is legally authorized within such State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education, (3) provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor’s degree or provides not less than a two-year program which is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution, and (5) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association approved by the Commissioner for this purpose or, if not so accredited, (A) is an institution with respect to which the Commissioner has determined that there is satisfactory assurance, considering the resources available to the institution, the period of time, if any, during which it has operated, the effort it is making to meet accreditation standards, and the purpose for which this determination is being made, that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time, or (B) is an institution whose credits are accepted on transfer by not less than three institutions which are so accredited, for credit on the same basis as if transferred from an institution so accredited. For purposes of title II, such term includes any school of nursing as defined in subsection (l) of this section, and also includes any school which provides not less than a one-year program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation and which meets the provisions of clauses (1), (2), (4), and (5). If the Commissioner determines that a particular category of such schools does not meet the requirements of clause (5) because there is no nationally recognized accrediting agency or association qualified to accredit schools in such category, he shall, pending the establishment of such an accrediting agency or association, appoint an advisory committee, composed of persons specially qualified to evaluate training provided by schools in such category, which shall (i) prescribe the standards of content, scope, and quality which must be met in order to qualify schools in such category to participate in the student loan program under title II, and (ii) determine whether particular schools not meeting the requirements of clause (5) meet those standards. For purposes of this subsection, the Commissioner shall publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies or associations which he determines to be reliable authority as to the quality of training offered.”

4. 20 U.S.C.A. § 403(b).

## DEFINITIONS

Sec. 17. As used in this Act—

(a) The term "eligible institution" means a business or trade school, or technical institution or other technical or vocational school, in any State, which (1) admits as regular students only persons who have completed or left elementary or secondary school and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered by such institution; (2) is legally authorized to provide, and provides within that State, a program of postsecondary vocational or technical education designed to fit individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations; (3) has been in existence for two years or has been specially accredited by the Commissioner as an institution meeting the other requirements of this subsection; and (4) is accredited (A) by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the Commissioner pursuant to this clause, (B) if the Commissioner determines that there is no nationally recognized accrediting agency or association qualified to accredit schools of a particular category, by a State agency listed by the Commissioner pursuant to this clause, and (C) if the Commissioner determines there is no nationally recognized or State agency or association qualified to accredit schools of a particular category, by an advisory committee appointed by him and composed of persons specially qualified to evaluate training provided by schools of that category, which committee shall prescribe the standards of content, scope, and quality which must be met by those schools in order for loans to students attending them to be insurable under this Act and shall also determine whether particular schools meet those standards. For the purpose of this subsection, the Commissioner shall publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies or associations and State agencies which he determines to be reliable authority as to the quality of education or training afforded.

(b) The term "eligible lender" means an eligible institution, an agency or instrumentality of a State, or a financial or credit institution (including an insurance company) which is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the United States or of any State.

(c) The term "line of credit" means an arrangement or agreement between the lender and the borrower whereby a loan is paid out by the lender to the borrower in annual installments, or whereby the lender agrees to make, in addition to the initial loan, additional loans in subsequent years.

(d) The term "State" includes, in addition to the several States of the Union, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(e) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

(f) The term "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education.

Approved October 22, 1965.



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DOA:.....Uecker – Veterans' tuition and fee reimbursement program

FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Currently, the department of veterans affairs <sup>(DVA)</sup> reimburses eligible veterans for 50% (100% if a disabled veteran) of the tuition and fees incurred by the veteran while attending a postsecondary school as an undergraduate. This bill raises the reimbursement rate to 65% of the tuition and fees incurred by a non-disabled veteran.

Under current law, reimbursement is only available for classes in an institution in the University of Wisconsin system, at a technical college or for classes attended by a veteran receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition. Reimbursement is limited to tuition and fees paid for 120 part-time or full-time credits or 8 full semesters at an institution in the University of Wisconsin system, or for 60 part-time or full-time credits or 4 full semesters at a technical college, or an equivalent amount of credits at the institution at which the veteran is receiving a waiver of tuition. This bill allows the veteran to attend any institution of higher education, including technical colleges, but requires the veteran to enroll for at least 12 credits during the semester for which reimbursement is requested.

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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. 45.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 45.25 (1) ADMINISTRATION. The department of veterans affairs shall administer  
3 a tuition and fee reimbursement program for eligible veterans enrolling as  
4 undergraduates in any institution ~~within the university of Wisconsin system,~~  
5 ~~enrolling in any technical college under ch. 38 of higher education in this state, as~~  
6 ~~defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a),~~ or receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47.

History: 1993 a. 254; 1995 a. 27, 255, 404; 1997 a. 27, 115, 121, 237.

7 SECTION 2. 45.25 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

8 45.25 (2) (e) The individual is enrolled for at least 12 credits during the  
9 semester for which reimbursement is sought.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Do all of the institutions covered by this program have semester programs and use a credit system?

10 SECTION 3. 45.25 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 45.25 (3) (a) Except as provided in par. (am), an individual who meets the  
12 requirements under sub. (2), upon satisfactory completion of ~~an a full-time~~  
13 undergraduate semester in any institution ~~within the university of Wisconsin~~  
14 ~~system or a semester at any technical college district school under ch. 38 of higher~~  
15 ~~education in this state,~~ as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a) <sup>(2)</sup> or any institution from which  
16 the individual receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47, may be  
17 reimbursed for up to 50% 65% of the individual's tuition and fees, ~~but that~~. The  
18 reimbursement under this paragraph is limited to a maximum of 50% 65% of the  
19 standard cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the  
20 University of Wisconsin-Madison per course or the difference between the

1 individual's tuition and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made  
 2 under s. 21.49, that the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition  
 3 or fees, whichever is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that  
 4 are part of a curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study  
 5 at the institution ~~or school~~.

History: 1993 a. 254; 1995 a. 27; 255, 404; 1997 ~~27~~, 115, 121, 237.

6 **SECTION 4.** 45.25 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 45.25 (3) (am) A disabled individual who meets the requirements under sub.  
 8 (2) and whose disability is rated at 30% or more under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, upon  
 9 satisfactory completion of an undergraduate semester in any institution ~~within the~~  
 10 ~~university of Wisconsin system or a semester at any technical college district school~~  
 11 ~~under ch. 38 of higher education in this state, as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a) or any~~  
 12 institution from which the individual receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under  
 13 s. 39.47, may be reimbursed for up to 100% of the individual's tuition and fees, ~~but~~  
 14 ~~that~~ The reimbursement under this paragraph is limited to 100% of the standard cost  
 15 for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of  
 16 Wisconsin-Madison per course, or the difference between the individual's tuition  
 17 and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made under s. 21.49, that  
 18 the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition or fees, whichever  
 19 is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that are part of a  
 20 curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study at the  
 21 institution ~~or school~~.

History: 1993 a. 254; 1995 a. 27; 255, 404; 1997 ~~27~~, 115, 121, 237.

22 **SECTION 5.** 45.25 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 45.25 (4) (a) An individual is not eligible for reimbursement under sub. (2) for  
 24 more than 120 credits of ~~part-time study~~ or 8 full semesters of full-time study at any

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1 institution within the university of Wisconsin system of higher education in this  
 2 state, as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a), <sup>score</sup> 60 credits of part-time study or 4 full semesters  
 3 of full-time study at a technical college under ch. 38 <sup>any</sup> ~~an~~ institution of higher  
 4 education in this state, as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a), that offers a degree upon  
 5 completion of 60 credits, or an equivalent amount of credits at an institution where  
 6 he or she is receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47.

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History: 1993 a. 254; 1995 a. 27, 255, 404; 1997 a. 27, 115, 121, 237.

SECTION 6. 45.25 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

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45.25 (5) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS. *Insert text*

SECTION 7. 45.35 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.35 (15) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION INTENDED. This section, ss. <sup>✓</sup>45.25, 45.351,  
 45.356 and 45.37 and subch. II shall be construed as liberally as the language  
 permits in favor of applicants.

History: 1971 c. 125, 163, 198; 1973 c. 90, 208; 1975 c. 26, 39; 1975 c. 94 s. 91 (3), (5); 1975 c. 199; 1977 c. 26, 83; 1979 c. 34; 1979 c. 110 s. 60 (1); 1979 c. 221; 1981 c. 20, 93; 1981 c. 237 ss. 34 to 36, 38; 1983 a. 430, 447; 1985 a. 6, 29, 129; 1985 a. 332 s. 251 (6); 1985 a. 339; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1989 a. 31, 36, 56, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 165; 1993 a. 16, 254, 399; 1995 a. 27 ss. 1996 to 1999, 9126 (19), 9130 (4), 9145 (1); 1995 a. 255; 1997 a. 3, 27.

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DOA:.....Uecker - Veterans part-time study grant program

FOR 1999-01 BUDGET - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Under current law, an eligible veteran who completes a correspondence course or a course as a part-time student from an institution of higher education may apply for reimbursement for part of the costs of the course. The veteran must be a resident of this state and generally only undergraduate courses are eligible for reimbursement under current law. Currently, the course must be related to the veteran's occupational, professional or employment objectives. Under current law, the maximum reimbursement that may be paid is 50% of the tuition and fees paid for the course but not more than 50% of the standard cost for a state resident for tuition and fees for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This bill increases the maximum reimbursement percentage from 50% to 65%.

The bill also provides that, if the department of veterans affairs (DVA) requests permission from the joint committee on finance to supplement the appropriation account for the correspondence and part-time study course and the committee does not schedule a meeting to review the request, the requested supplement to that appropriation is approved.

tuition and fee reimbursement program



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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. 45.396 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 45.396 (5) Except as provided in sub. (9), the reimbursement may not exceed  
3 50% ~~65%~~ of the cost of tuition and fees and shall also be limited to a maximum of 50%  
4 ~~65%~~ of the standard cost for a state resident for tuition and fees for an equivalent  
5 undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison per course and may  
6 not be provided to an individual more than 4 times during any consecutive 12-month  
7 period.

8 SECTION 2. 45.396 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

9 ~~45.396 (10)~~ Notwithstanding ss. 13.10 (1) and 13.101 (3), if the department of  
10 veterans affairs submits a request to the joint committee on finance to supplement  
11 the appropriation account under s. 20.485 (2) (~~the~~ <sup>of</sup>) from the appropriation under s.  
12 20.865 (4) (u) and the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the secretary of  
13 the department within 14 working days after the date of the department's submittal  
14 that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the request,  
15 the appropriation account shall be supplemented as provided in the request. If,  
16 within 14 working days after the date of the department's submittal, the  
17 cochairpersons of the committee notify the secretary of the department that the  
18 committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the request, the  
19 appropriation account may be supplemented only upon approval of the committee.

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**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 1998 2:59 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert  
**Subject:** 14 day passive review

Bob,

Could you please remove the references to 14 day passive review authority in the drafts: LRB 0722/1, LRB 0725/1, and LRB 0726/1? We decided not to go ahead with it for now, though there is still a briefing ahead with the DOA Secretary and the governor for Veterans Affairs. I don't think the recommendation will change, so I think it's safe to go ahead. It's like you said, it's very unusual to see language like that get passed.

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**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 1998 5:02 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert  
**Subject:** Vets language on Tuition Fee Reimbursement Grant

Bob,

I talked to David Worzala of the LFB today about a reference related to TFRG (Tuition Fee Reimbursement Grant) in 45.396(1)(a) talks about a reference to a U.S. Code on the definition of higher education and technical schools which David says is outdated. The code has been changed several times since then and should be updated in the Wisconsin statutes. David feels this should be done, and he knows the correct reference for higher education (U.S.C. 20 1088) but could not find the correct one for technical schools. Do you feel this also needs to be done in addition to the other DVA stat. language requests? If so, who should locate the correct reference? John Rosinski at DVA does not know the correct reference, but since he is the legal counsel at DVA, should he take the lead on this, or could you suggest the right reference.

Also, please draft all of the requests I originally sent over. I recently sent an email to you saying LRB should not draft some we are planning on denying, but I now understand that it all should be drafted, but what we are planning on denying should be a low priority. If you need an update on what we are planning on denying, let me know and I will send over a list.

Thanks for all of your help and please contact David (63847) or myself if you have any questions.

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February 2, 1999

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21 individual's tuition and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made

1 under s. 21.49, that the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition  
2 or fees, whichever is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that  
3 are part of a curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study  
4 at the institution ~~or school~~.

5 **SECTION 4.** 45.25 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 45.25 (3) (am) A disabled individual who meets the requirements under sub.  
7 (2) and whose disability is rated at 30% or more under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, upon  
8 satisfactory completion of an undergraduate semester in any institution ~~within the~~  
9 ~~university of Wisconsin system or a semester at any technical college district school~~  
10 under ch. 38 of higher education, as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a), in this state or any  
11 institution from which the individual receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under  
12 s. 39.47, may be reimbursed for up to 100% of the individual's tuition and fees, but  
13 that. The reimbursement under this paragraph is limited to 100% of the standard  
14 cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of  
15 Wisconsin-Madison per course, or the difference between the individual's tuition  
16 and fees and the grants or scholarships, including those made under s. 21.49, that  
17 the individual receives specifically for the payment of the tuition or fees, whichever  
18 is less. Reimbursement is available only for tuition and fees that are part of a  
19 curriculum that is relevant to a degree in a particular course of study at the  
20 institution ~~or school~~.

21 **SECTION 5.** 45.25 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 45.25 (4) (a) An individual is not eligible for reimbursement under sub. (2) for  
23 more than 120 credits of ~~part-time study~~ or 8 full semesters of full-time study at any  
24 institution ~~within the university of Wisconsin system~~ of higher education, as defined  
25 in s. 45.396 (1) (a), in this state, 60 credits of ~~part-time study~~ or 4 full semesters of

1 full-time study at a ~~technical college under ch. 38~~ any institution of higher  
2 education, as defined in s. 45.396 (1) (a), in this state that offers a degree upon  
3 completion of 60 credits, or an equivalent amount of credits at an institution where  
4 he or she is receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47.

5 **SECTION 6.** 45.35 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 45.35 (15) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION INTENDED. This section, ss. 45.25, 45.351,  
7 45.356 and 45.37 and subch. II shall be construed as liberally as the language  
8 permits in favor of applicants.

9 **SECTION 7.** 45.396 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 45.396 (1) (a) "Institution of higher education" ~~means an educational~~  
11 ~~institution meeting the requirements of P.L. 89-329 for institutions covered therein~~  
12 ~~and of P.L. 89-287 for business, trade, technical or vocational schools and full-time~~  
13 ~~post-high school technical colleges~~ has the meaning given in 20 USC 1088 (a).

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