

State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau EDUCATION

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4	institution of higher education that is accredited by an accrediting association
5	recognized by the department state treasurer, and a proprietary school approved by
6	the educational approval board under s. 39.51.
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8	(intro.) and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:
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13	to ensure the ability of the department state treasurer to meet its his or her
14	obligations under this section. To the extent possible, the price shall be set so that
15	the value of the tuition unit in the anticipated academic year of its use will be equal
16	to 1% of the weighted average tuition for that academic year plus the costs of
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24	person who has entered into a contract under this subsection to change the
25	beneficiary named in the contract.

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2	read:
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4	contract under sub. (3) may purchase tuition units at any time and in any number,
, 5	except that the total number of tuition units purchased on behalf of a single
6 .	beneficiary may not exceed the number necessary to pay for 4 years of full-time
7	attendance, including mandatory student fees, as a resident undergraduate at the
8	institution within the University of Wisconsin System that has the highest resident
9	undergraduate tuition, as determined by the department state treasurer, in the
10	anticipated academic years of their use.
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14	treasurer shall pay to the institution in each semester of attendance the lesser of the
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19	treasurer to be grounds for termination.
20	(b) The department state treasurer shall terminate a contract under sub. (3)
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22	the anticipated academic year of the beneficiary's initial enrollment in an institution
23	of higher education, as specified in the contract.
24	SECTION 7. 16.24 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (7), and 14.63 (7) (a
25	(intro.), 3., 4. and 5. and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:

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2	treasurer shall do all of the following:
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4	who entered into the contract an amount equal to 99% of the amount determined
5	under subd. 2. If a contract is terminated under sub. (6) (a) 4., the department state
6	treasurer may not issue a refund for one year following receipt of the notice of
7.	termination and may not issue a refund of more than 100 tuition units in any year.
8	4. If a contract is terminated under sub. (6) (a) 5., refund to the person who
9	entered into the contract the amount under subd. 2. or under subd. 3., as determined
10	by the department state treasurer.
11	5. If the beneficiary is awarded a scholarship, tuition waiver or similar subsidy
12	that cannot be converted into cash by the beneficiary, refund to the person who
13	entered into the contract, upon the person's request, an amount equal to the value
14	of the tuition units that are not needed because of the scholarship, waiver or similar
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16	on behalf of the beneficiary during the semester in which the beneficiary is enrolled.
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18	determine the method and schedule for the payment of refunds under this
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20	SECTION 8. 16.24 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (7m), and 14.63 (7m
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22	14.63 (7m) (a) (intro.) The department state treasurer may adjust the value of
23	a tuition unit based on the actual earnings attributable to the tuition unit less the
24	costs of administering the program under this section that are attributable to the
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1	(b) The department state treasurer may not increase the value of a tuition unit
2	under par. (a) to an amount that exceeds the value of a tuition unit that was
3	purchased at a similar time, held for a similar period and used or refunded in the
4	anticipated academic year of the beneficiary's attendance, as specified in the
5	contract.
6	(c) The department state treasurer may promulgate rules imposing or
7	increasing penalties for refunds under sub. (7) (a) if the department state treasurer
8	determines that such rules are necessary to maintain the status of the program
9	under this section as a qualified state tuition program under section 529 of the
10	Internal Revenue Code, as defined in s. 71.01 (6).
11	SECTION 9. $16.24(9)$ to (11) of the statutes are renumbered $14.63(9)$ to (11) , and
12	14.63 (9), (10) and (10m), as renumbered, are amended to read:
13	14.63 (9) Contract with actuary. The department state treasurer shall
14	contract with an actuary or actuarial firm to evaluate annually whether the assets
15	in the tuition trust fund are sufficient to meet the obligations of the department state
16	treasurer under this section and to advise the department state treasurer on setting
17	the price of a tuition unit under sub. (2) (b).
18	(10) REPORTS (a) Annually, the department state treasurer shall submit a
19	report to the governor, and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
20	under s. 13.172 (3), on the program under this section. The report shall include any
21	recommendations for changes to the program that the department state treasures
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5	(10m) REPAYMENT TO GENERAL FUND. The secretary of administration shall
6	transfer from the tuition trust fund to the general fund an amount equal to the
7	amount encumbered from the appropriation under s. $\frac{20.505(9)}{20.585(2)}$ (a) when
8	the secretary of administration determines that funds in the tuition trust fund are
9	sufficient to make the transfer. The secretary of administration may make the
10	transfer in instalments.
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20	treasurer shall discontinue entering into tuition prepayment contracts under sub.
21	(3) and discontinue selling tuition units under sub. (4).
22	SECTION 11. 20.505 (9) of the statutes is renumbered 20.585 (2) and amended
23	to read: general fund
24	20.585 (2) College Tuition Prepayment Program. (a) Administrative expenses;
25)	initial funds. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the

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19	Section 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; administration.
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23	administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the
24	secretary of administration, shall become the assets and liabilities of the state
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DOA:.....Caucutt – Modify tuition prepayment program (EDVEST)

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DOA:.....Wolff – Transferring responsibility for the administration of the college tuition prepayment program from DOA to the office of the state treasurer

FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau EDUCATION

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Under current law the department of administration (DOA) administers the college tuition prepayment program, which allows an individual, a trust or a legal guardian to purchase tuition units from DOA. The tuition units, which are priced so that the value at maturity of 100 units will be equal to one year of estimated average tuition at a University of Wisconsin (UW) System campus, may be redeemed in the future to pay tuition at any accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

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SECTION 1. 16.24 (title) and (1) of the statutes are renumbered 14.63 (title) and (1), and 14.63 (1) (b), as renumbered, is amended to read:

14.63 (1) (b) "Institution of higher education" means a public or private institution of higher education that is accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the department state treasurer, and a proprietary school approved by the educational approval higher educational aids board under s. 39.51.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 16.24 (1) (b). This section has been affected by LRB-1518 and LRB-1806.

- SECTION 2. 16.24 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (2), and 14.63 (2) (intro.) and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:
- 14.63 (2) WEIGHTED AVERAGE TUITION; TUITION UNIT COST. (intro.) Annually, the department state treasurer and the board jointly shall determine all of the following:
- (b) The price of a tuition unit, which shall be valid for a period determined jointly by the department state treasurer and the board. The price shall be sufficient to ensure the ability of the department state treasurer to meet its his or her obligations under this section. To the extent possible, the price shall be set so that the value of the tuition unit in the anticipated academic year of its use will be equal to 1% of the weighted average tuition for that academic year plus the costs of administering the program under this section attributable to the unit.

SECTION 3. 16.24 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (3), and 14.63 (3) (a) (intro.) and (d), as renumbered, are amended to read:

1	14.63 (3) (a) (intro.) The department state treasurer shall contract with an
2	individual, a trust or a legal guardian for the sale of tuition units to that individual,
3	trust or legal guardian if all of the following apply:
4	(d) The department state treasurer shall promulgate rules authorizing a
5	person who has entered into a contract under this subsection to change the
6	beneficiary named in the contract.
7	SECTION 4. 16.24 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (4) and amended to
8	read:
9	14.63 (4) NUMBER OF TUITION UNITS PURCHASED. A person who enters into a
10	contract under sub. (3) may purchase tuition units at any time and in any number,
11	except that the total number of tuition units purchased on behalf of a single
12	beneficiary may not exceed the number necessary to pay for 4 years of full-time
13	attendance, including mandatory student fees, as a resident undergraduate at the
14	institution within the University of Wisconsin System that has the highest resident
15	undergraduate tuition, as determined by the department state treasurer, in the
16	anticipated academic years of their use.
17	SECTION 5. 16.24 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (5), and 14.63 (5) (a)
18	and (b) (intro.) and 2., as renumbered, are amended to read:
19	14.63 (5) (a) Except as provided in sub. (7m), if an individual named as
20	beneficiary in a contract under sub. (3) attends an institution of higher education in
21	the United States, each tuition unit purchased on his or her behalf entitles that
22	beneficiary to apply toward the payment of tuition and mandatory student fees at the
23	institution an amount equal to 1% of the anticipated weighted average tuition of
24	bachelor's degree-granting institutions within the University of Wisconsin System

1	for the year of attendance, as estimated under sub. (2) in the year in which the tuition
2	unit was purchased.
3	(b) (intro.) Upon request by the beneficiary, the department state treasurer
4	shall pay to the institution in each semester of attendance the lesser of the following:
5	2. An amount equal to the sum of the institution's tuition and mandatory
6	student fees for that semester.
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7	SECTION 6. 16.24 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (6), and 14.63 (6) (a)
8	5. and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:
9	14.63 (6) (a) 5. Other circumstances determined by the department state
10	treasurer to be grounds for termination.
11	(b) The department state treasurer shall terminate a contract under sub. (3)
12	if any of the tuition units purchased under the contract remain unused 10 years after
13	the anticipated academic year of the beneficiary's initial enrollment in an institution
14	of higher education, as specified in the contract.
15	SECTION 7. 16.24 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (7), and 14.63 (7) (a)
16	(intro.), 3., 4. and 5. and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:
17	14.63 (7) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (7m), the department state
18	treasurer shall do all of the following:
19	3. If a contract is terminated under sub. (6) (a) 4. or (b), refund to the person
20	who entered into the contract an amount equal to 99% of the amount determined
21	under subd. 2. If a contract is terminated under sub. (6) (a) 4., the department may
22	not issue a refund for one year following receipt of the notice of termination and may
23	not issue a refund of more than 100 tuition units in any year.

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1	4. If a contract is terminated under sub. (6) (a) 5., refund to the person who
2	entered into the contract the amount under subd. 2. or under subd. 3., as determined
3	by the department state treasurer.
4	5. If the beneficiary is awarded a scholarship, tuition waiver or similar subsidy
5	that cannot be converted into cash by the beneficiary, refund to the person who
6	entered into the contract, upon the person's request, an amount equal to the value
7	of the tuition units that are not needed because of the scholarship, waiver or similar
8	subsidy and that would otherwise have been paid by the department state treasurer
9	on behalf of the beneficiary during the semester in which the beneficiary is enrolled.
10	(b) Except as provided under par. (a) 3., the department The state treasurer
11	shall determine the method and schedule for the payment of refunds under this
12	subsection.
	****Note: This is reconciled s. 16.24 (7) (a) 3. and (b). These sections have been affected by LRB–1806 and LRB–0346.
13	Section 8. $16.24 (7\text{m})$ of the statutes is renumbered $14.63 (7\text{m})$, and $14.63 (7\text{m})$
14	(a) (intro.), (b) and (c), as renumbered, are amended to read:
15	14.63 (7m) (a) (intro.) The department state treasurer may adjust the value of
16	a tuition unit based on the actual earnings attributable to the tuition unit less the
17	costs of administering the program under this section that are attributable to the
18	tuition unit if any of the following applies:
19	(b) The department state treasurer may not increase the value of a tuition unit
20	under par. (a) to an amount that exceeds the value of a tuition unit that was
21	purchased at a similar time, held for a similar period and used or refunded in the
22	anticipated academic year of the beneficiary's attendance, as specified in the

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1	(c) The department state treasurer may promulgate rules imposing or
2	increasing penalties for refunds under sub. (7) (a) if the department state treasurer
3	determines that such rules are necessary to maintain the status of the program
4	under this section as a qualified state tuition program under section 529 of the
5	Internal Revenue Code, as defined in s. 71.01 (6).
6	SECTION 9. 16.24 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 14.63 (8) and amended to
7	read:
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10	and mandatory student fees under this section are not subject to garnishment,
11	attachment, execution or any other process of law.
12	SECTION 10. 16.24 (9) to (11) of the statutes are renumbered 14.63 (9) to (11),
13	and 14.63 (9), (10), (10m) and (11) (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:
14	14.63 (9) Contract with actuary. The department state treasurer shall
15	contract with an actuary or actuarial firm to evaluate annually whether the assets
16	in the tuition trust fund are sufficient to meet the obligations of the department state
17	treasurer under this section and to advise the department state treasurer on setting
18	the price of a tuition unit under sub. (2) (b).
19	(10) REPORTS. (a) Annually, the department state treasurer shall submit a
20	report to the governor, and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
21	under s. 13.172 (3), on the program under this section. The report shall include any
22	recommendations for changes to the program that the department state treasurer
23	determines are necessary to ensure the sufficiency of the tuition trust fund to meet

the department's state treasurer's obligations under this section.

1	(b) The department state treasurer shall submit a quarterly report to the state
2	investment board projecting the future cash flow needs of the tuition trust fund. The
3	state investment board shall invest moneys held in the tuition trust fund in
4	investments with maturities and liquidity that are appropriate for the needs of the
5	fund as reported by the department state treasurer in its his or her quarterly reports.
6	All income derived from such investments shall be credited to the fund.
7	(10m) Repayment to general fund. The secretary of administration shall
8	transfer from the tuition trust fund to the general fund an amount equal to the
9	amount encumbered from the appropriation under s. $\frac{20.505(9)}{20.585(2)}$ (a) when
10	the secretary of administration determines that funds in the tuition trust fund are
11	sufficient to make the transfer. The secretary of administration may make the
12	transfer in instalments.
13	(11) (b) The requirements to pay tuition and mandatory student fees under sub.
14	(5) and to make refunds under sub. (7) are subject to the availability of sufficient
15	assets in the tuition trust fund.
16	SECTION 11. $16.24(12)$ and (13) of the statutes are renumbered $14.63(12)$ and
17	(13), and 14.63 (12) (title), (a) (intro.) and (b) (intro.) and (13), as renumbered, are
18	amended to read:
19	14.63 (12) (title) Additional Department duties and powers of the state
20	TREASURER.
21	(a) (intro.) The department state treasurer shall do all of the following:
22	(b) (intro.) The department state treasurer may do any of the following:
23	(13) Program termination. If the department state treasurer determines that
24	the program under this section is financially infeasible, the department state

1	treasurer shall discontinue entering into tuition prepayment contracts under sub.
2	(3) and discontinue selling tuition units under sub. (4).
3	SECTION 12. 20.505 (9) of the statutes is renumbered 20.585 (2) and amended
4	to read:
5	20.585 (2) College tuition prepayment program. (a) Administrative expenses;
6	initial funds general fund. As a continuing appropriation, the The amounts in the
7	schedule for the administrative expenses of the college tuition prepayment program
8	under s. 16.24 14.63, including the expense of promoting the program.
9	(q) Payment of tuition. From the tuition trust fund, a sum sufficient for the
10	payment of tuition under s. 16.24 14.63 (5).
11	(r) Payment of refunds. From the tuition trust fund, a sum sufficient for the
12	payment of refunds under s. 16.24 14.63 (7).
13	(s) Administrative expenses: tuition trust fund. From the tuition trust fund, the
14	amounts in the schedule for the administrative expenses of the college tuition
15	prepayment program under s. 16.24 14.63, including the expense of promoting the
16	program.
	****NOTE: This Section involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.
17	SECTION 13. 25.80 of the statutes is amended to read:
18	25.80 Tuition trust fund. There is established a separate nonlapsible trust
19	fund designated as the tuition trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment
20	fees and the sale of tuition units under s. 16.24 14.63.
21	SECTION 14. 71.05 (6) (b) 23. of the statutes is amended to read:
22	71.05 (6) (b) 23. Any increase in value of a tuition unit that is purchased under
23	a tuition contract under s. 16.24 14.63.

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1	SECTION 15. 815.18 (3) (o) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	815.18 (3) (a) Tuition units. Tuition units purchased under s. $\frac{16.24}{14.63}$.
3	Section 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; administration.
4	(1) Transfer of college tuition prepayment program.
5	(a) Assets and liabilities. On the effective date of this paragraph, the assets and
6	liabilities of the department of administration primarily related to the
7	administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the
8	secretary of administration, shall become the assets and liabilities of the state
9	treasurer.
10	(b) Employe transfers. All incumbent employes holding positions in the
11	department of administration performing duties primarily related to the
12	administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the
13	secretary of administration, are transferred on the effective date of this paragraph
14	to the state treasurer.
15	(c) Employe status. Employes transferred under paragraph (b) have all the
16	rights and the same status under subchapter V of chapter 111 and chapter 230 of the
17	statutes in the state treasurer's office that they enjoyed in the department of
18	administration immediately before the transfer. Notwithstanding section 230.28 (4)
19	of the statutes, no employe so transferred who has attained permanent status in
20	class is required to serve a probationary period.
21	(d) Tangible personal property. On the effective date of this paragraph, all
22	tangible personal property, including records, of the department of administration
23	that is primarily related to the administration of the college tuition prepayment

program, as determined by the secretary of administration, is transferred to the

- (e) Contracts. All contracts entered into by the department of administration that are in effect on the effective date of this paragraph and that are primarily related to the administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the secretary of administration, remain in effect and are transferred to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall carry out any such contractual obligations until modified or rescinded by the state treasurer to the extent allowed under contract.
- (f) Rules and orders. All rules promulgated by the department of administration that are in effect on the effective date of this paragraph and that are primarily related to the administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the secretary of administration, remain in effect until their specified expiration date or until amended or repealed by the state treasurer. All orders issued by the department of administration that are in effect on the effective date of this paragraph and that are primarily related to the administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the secretary of administration, remain in effect until their specified expiration date or until modified or rescinded by the state treasurer.
- (g) Pending matters. Any matters pending with the department of administration on the effective date of this paragraph that are primarily related to the administration of the college tuition prepayment program, as determined by the secretary of administration, are transferred to the state treasurer and all materials submitted to or actions taken by the department of administration with respect to the pending matters are considered as having been submitted or taken by the state treasurer.