## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 496

September 19, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Pettis, Turner, Krawczyk, Ryba, Jeskewitz, Sherman, Ladwig, Suder, Boyle, Townsend, Freese, Gronemus, J. Fitzgerald, Starzyk, Olsen, Gundrum, Gunderson, Stone, McCormick, Sykora, Petrowski, Plouff, Vrakas, Owens and Leibham, cosponsored by Senators Burke, Risser, George, Hansen and Baumgart. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

- $AN\ ACT\ \emph{to renumber}\ 45.19;\ \emph{to amend}\ 20.485\ (2)\ (q),\ 36.27\ (3)\ (title)\ and\ 38.24$
- 2 (5) (title); and *to create* 36.27 (3r), 38.24 (6) and 45.19 (3) of the statutes;
- 3 **relating to:** tuition vouchers for students who sound Taps at military honors
- 4 funerals.

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## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a student at a high school, University of Wisconsin (UW) System school, in–state technical college, or in–state, private, accredited, nonprofit college or university is eligible for a \$25 tuition voucher if he or she sounds "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or coronet at a military honors funeral. The bill requires the board of regents of the UW System or the technical college board to grant a student a \$25 remission of tuition or academic fees for each valid voucher that is issued to the student. A voucher is valid for six years.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

**SECTION 1.** 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	20.485 (2) (q) Military honors funerals. Biennially, the amounts in the schedule
2	to provide military honors funerals for veterans under s. 45.19 (1).
3	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 36.27 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	36.27 (3) (title) Tuition remissions for survivors.
5	<b>SECTION 3.</b> 36.27 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:
6	36.27 (3r) Fee remissions for funeral assistants. The board shall grant a \$25
7	remission of nonresident tuition or academic fees to any student enrolled in the
8	system for each valid voucher issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).
9	<b>SECTION 4.</b> 38.24 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
10	38.24 (5) (title) Fee remissions for survivors.
11	<b>SECTION 5.</b> 38.24 (6) of the statutes is created to read:
12	38.24 (6) FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The district board shall grant
13	a \$25 remission of fees under subs. (1m) and (3) to a student for each valid voucher
14	issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).
15	<b>SECTION 6.</b> 45.19 of the statutes is renumbered 45.19 (1).
16	<b>SECTION 7.</b> 45.19 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
17	45.19 (3) A funeral director may issue a tuition voucher in the amount of \$25
18	to an individual who sounds "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or coronet during a military
19	honors funeral for a deceased veteran and who is a student at a high school or
20	institution of higher education, as defined under s. 895.515 (1) (b). The tuition
21	voucher is valid for 6 years after the date of issuance. The voucher may be used for
22	the payment of tuition and required program activity fees at a University of
23	Wisconsin System institution as provided under s. 36.27 (3r), a technical collage as
24	provided under s. 38.24 (6), or a private, accredited, nonprofit college or university.
25	(END)