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ELIMINATE STATUTORY CAP ON MEDICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Language Changes Needed

Delete s. 36.28 which states as follows:

“36.28 Medical school enrollment. Beginning with the class entering the University of Wisconsin Medical School in the 1984-85 academic year, and ending with the class entering the University of Wisconsin Medical School in the 1987-88 academic year, the board shall reduce the size of the class by 2.5% each year as compared with the size of the class entering the medical school in the 1983-84 academic year, so as to ensure a 10% total reduction by the 1987-88 academic year. The board shall make every effort to ensure that the number of minority students enrolled at the medical school shall not be decreased as a result of the reduction in class size, including, if necessary, adjusting the proportion of nonresident enrollment.”

Background and Justification

The practical affect of s.36.28 is to limit each Medical School class to 143 students. The elimination of this statute is recommended for the following reasons:

- (a) This provision was enacted at a time when there were great concerns about an overabundance of physicians in Wisconsin and elsewhere. This is not the case at present, and, in fact, Wisconsin has many underserved rural and urban areas.
- (b) Enrollment limitations are not typically put into state statutes, and there is no similar language relating to other professional schools.
- (c) The University of Wisconsin Medical School is not planning any significant changes in enrollment. However, the School needs the flexibility to accommodate modest fluctuations in class size, such as when the overall caliber of the applicants is high. At present, the statute only allows exceptions to the cap to be made to maintain numbers of minority students.
- (d) Currently, although only 143 students may be admitted per class, graduating classes may be greater than 143 because some students need more than four years to complete the curriculum (e.g., MD/PhD participants).

This proposal would eliminate the current 143 student statutory limit on University of Wisconsin Medical School class size.



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