

2003 SENATE BILL 283

October 15, 2003 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH, SCHULTZ, LASSA, CHVALA, STEPP, WIRCH, HANSEN, WELCH, M. MEYER, DECKER, BRESKE and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, MUSSER, TRAVIS, SCHNEIDER, NASS, ALBERS, BOYLE, GRONEMUS, KREIBICH, VAN ROY, NISCHKE, JESKEWITZ, BLACK, MILLER, BIES, J. FITZGERALD, HINES, TOWNSEND, MCCORMICK, HUNDERTMARK and FREESE. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 21.49 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** national guard tuition
2 grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, the 2003–05 budget bill, eligible national guard members may receive reimbursement for the tuition paid for a full-time or part-time course in a qualifying school. Under the budget bill, the reimbursement is equal to the actual tuition charged by the school or 100% of the average of the tuitions charged by the University of Wisconsin four-year institutions for a comparable number of credits, whichever is lower. Before the budget bill, the amount of the tuition reimbursement was equal to the actual tuition charged by the school or 100% of the tuition charged by the University of Wisconsin–Madison for a comparable number of credits, whichever was lower.

This bill reinstates the determination of the amount of national guard tuition reimbursement as it existed before the passage of 2003 Wisconsin Act 33.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 21.49 (3) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33,
4 is amended to read:

SENATE BILL 283**SECTION 1**

1 21.49 (3) (a) Any eligible guard member upon satisfactory completion of a
2 full-time or part-time course in a qualifying school is eligible for a tuition grant
3 equal to 100% of the actual tuition charged by the school or 100% of the arithmetic
4 average of maximum resident undergraduate ~~tuitions~~ tuition charged by the ~~4-year~~
5 ~~institutions in the~~ University of Wisconsin ~~System~~ Wisconsin-Madison for a
6 comparable number of credits, whichever amount is less.

7 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

8 (1) Not later than March 1, 2004, the department of military affairs shall
9 submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the
10 manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes on the availability of
11 moneys to provide reimbursement to national guard members under section 21.49
12 of the statutes, as affected by this act.

13 **(END)**