

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 74

AN ACT *to renumber* 45.19; *to amend* 20.485 (2) (q), 36.27 (3) (title) and 38.24 (5) (title); and *to create* 36.27 (3r), 38.24 (6), 45.19 (2), 45.19 (3) and 115.28 (51) of the statutes; **relating to:** tuition vouchers for students who sound Taps at military honors funerals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 20.485 **(2)** (q) *Military honors funerals.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule
- 3 to provide military honors funerals for veterans under s. 45.19 (1).
- 4 **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 36.27 **(3)** (title) TUTION REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** 36.27 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **36.27 (3r)** FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The board shall grant a \$25
2 remission of nonresident tuition or academic fees to any student enrolled in the
3 system as an undergraduate for each valid voucher issued to the student under s.
4 45.19 (3).

5 **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **38.24 (5)** (title) FEE REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.

7 **SECTION 5.** 38.24 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

8 **38.24 (6)** FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The district board shall grant
9 a \$25 remission of fees under subs. (1m) and (3) to a student for each valid voucher
10 issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).

11 **SECTION 6.** 45.19 of the statutes is renumbered 45.19 (1).

12 **SECTION 7.** 45.19 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

13 **45.19 (2)** The department shall create a tuition voucher form to be used by
14 funeral directors under sub. (3). The department shall distribute copies of the tuition
15 voucher form, plus an explanation of the form's use, to every operator of a funeral
16 establishment. The department may not charge a fee for the tuition voucher form
17 or for the distribution of the form.

18 **SECTION 8.** 45.19 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

19 **45.19 (3)** A funeral director may issue a tuition voucher in the amount of \$25
20 to an individual who sounds "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or cornet during a military
21 honors funeral held in this state for a deceased veteran and who is a student in grades
22 6 to 12 or at an institution of higher education, as defined under s. 895.515 (1) (b).
23 The tuition voucher may be used at any time for the payment of tuition and required
24 program activity fees at a University of Wisconsin System institution as provided
25 under s. 36.27 (3r) or a technical college as provided under s. 38.24 (6). The

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1 department shall encourage private institutions of higher education to accept the
2 vouchers. The vouchers are not transferable.

3 **SECTION 9.** 115.28 (51) of the statutes is created to read:

4 115.28 (51) FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. Encourage school boards to grant an excused
5 absence to a pupil in grades 6 to 12 for the purpose of sounding “Taps” during a
6 military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.

7 (END)